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GOALS

Man Crosses 'Act Like a High School Senior' Off Bucket List

Authorities say an 85-year-old New Mexico man is facing several charges after leading Grant County sheriff's deputies on a high-speed chase. Frank Jimenez was arrested Wednesday after police say he took off from a parking lot, driving up to 120 miles per hour, waving at other drivers he passed. When the deputies caught up to him, authorities say, Jimenez was sitting in his vehicle, calmly smoking a cigarette. (AP)

ANGRY BIRDS

"He obviously sees her as a rival male — pheasants are very territorial."

— PAUL NORTH, OF THE WORLD PHEASANT ASSOCIATION, REFERRING TO SALLY-ANN HUDSON, WHO SAYS A FURIOUS COCK PHEASANT OFTEN ATTACKS HER OUTSIDE HER HOME IN ENGLAND, THE U.K. WEBSITE ORANGE NEWS REPORTED THURSDAY

REGRET

'If I Went With Propane, This Wouldn't Have Happened'

Police in Ohio say a report of a missing grill was solved after officers followed a trail of charcoal. The Dayton Daily News reported Tuesday that, when located, the alleged thief told police he had found the grill in a back alley and was taking it apart for parts. When police continued to question him, he changed his story and said a local homeless man was the grill thief. (EXPRESS)

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THAT'S AMORE: Alessandro Coluccino of Italy performs Wednesday during the acrobatic pizza event — part of the World Pizza Championships in Parma, Italy. The 22nd edition of the competition ran from Monday to Wednesday.

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Firefighters check a destroyed apartment complex Thursday after a fertilizer plant explosion in West, Texas. More than 160 people were hurt; an exact death toll is uncertain.

'Everything Was Shaking'

Crews search for survivors after Texas fertilizer plant blast

West, Texas

Rescuers searched the smoking remnants of a Texas farm town Thursday for survivors of a thunderous fertilizer plant explosion, gingerly checking smashed houses and apartments for bodies of the dead or anyone still trapped in debris.

The precise death toll was uncertain. Three to five volunteer firefighters were initially believed to be among the dead, which authorities said could number as many as 15. But by late Thursday afternoon, the state Department of Public Safety would not confirm how many had been killed. More than 160 people were hurt.

A breathtaking band of destruc-

tion extended for blocks around the West Fertilizer Co. in the small community of West. The blast shook the ground with the strength of a small earthquake and leveled dozens of homes, an apartment complex, a school and a nursing home. Its dull boom could be heard dozens of miles away from the town about 20 miles north of Waco.

Searchers "have not gotten to the point of no return where they don't think that there's anybody still alive," Waco police Sgt. William Patrick Swanton said. He did not know how many people had been rescued.

There was no indication the blast, which left behind a crater, was anything other than an industrial accident, he said.

The U.S. Chemical Safety Board was deploying a large investigation team to West. An ATF national response team that investigates

Ammonium Nitrate

The fertilizer facility in West, Texas, that exploded Wednesday night produced ammonium nitrate, which is best known as the explosive used in the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995. It is used commonly as fertilizer because of its high nitrogen content that fuels plant growth, said Ronald Smaldone, an assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Texas at Dallas. It's also used as a commercial explosive for mining and excavating because it's much more stable than dynamite. (AP)

\$10,000

The amount that the U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration fined West Fertilizer Co. last summer for safety violations that included planning to transport anhydrous ammonia without a security plan. An inspector also found the plant's ammonia tanks weren't properly labeled, according to records reviewed by the Associated Press. The company could not be reached for comment. (AP)



LM OTERO/AP AND JOE BERTI/AP

all large fires and explosions was also expected.

The Wednesday night explosion rained burning embers and debris down on terrified residents. The landscape was wrapped in acrid smoke and strewn with the shattered remains of buildings, furniture and personal belongings.

In the hours after the blast, residents wandered the dark, windy streets searching for shelter. Among them was Julie Zahirniako, who said she and her son, Anthony, had been at a school playground near the plant when the explosion hit.

The explosion threw her son 4 feet in the air, breaking his ribs. She said she saw people running from the nursing home, and the roof of the school rose into the sky.

"The fire was so high," she said. "The ground and everything was shaking."

While the community tended to its deep wounds, investigators awaited clearance to enter the blast zone for clues to what set off the plant's huge stockpile of volatile chemicals.

Gov. Rick Perry called the explosion "a truly nightmare scenario for the community."

JOHN L. MONE AND NOMAN MERCHANT (AP)

In Brief

NEW YORK

CDC: Food Poisonings Up From Raw Milk, Poultry

Health officials are seeing more food poisonings caused by a bacteria commonly linked to raw milk and poultry. A study released Thursday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said campylobacter cases grew by 14 percent over the past five years in 10 states. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Immigration Bill Unveiled

Four Democratic and four Republican senators formally unveiled a sweeping immigration bill Thursday at a news conference. The lawmakers said that thanks to broad-based support, immigration legislation can succeed in Congress. "I am confident this issue will not fall victim to the usual partisan deadlock," Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y. (AP)



CHRIS CLARK/AP
Barbara Jones and her children are rescued Thursday in Grand Rapids, Mich.

ST. LOUIS

Spring Storm Brings Extremes to Heartland

A powerful spring storm system stretching from southern Texas to northern Michigan unleashed a wave of weather extremes on the Midwest on Thursday and threatened to bring its mix of hard rains, high winds and severe thunderstorms to the east by the weekend. (AP)

WASHINGTON

New Planets Discovered

NASA found two planets — 1,200 light years away — that seem like places for some sort of life to flourish. Kepler-62-e is a bit balmy, like Hawaii, and Kepler-62-f is a bit frosty, like Alaska, said chief scientist William Borucki for NASA's Kepler telescope. The discoveries were announced Thursday in the journal Science. (AP)

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Breaking Point

Good things have a nasty habit of not lasting all that long in Washington. Whether it's bipartisan agreement on a political issue, or comfortable weather for a post-work jog (or outdoor cocktail), chances are that it'll soon go the way of the cherry blossoms.

Unfortunately, Metro's spring break from weekend track work is similarly ephemeral. After four glorious weekends of getting to say stuff like, "I went to Bethesda on Saturday night and it didn't even take me that long to get home," I'm expecting to start a lot more conversations with, "Sorry I'm late. I didn't realize this Metro ride

would take two hours."

We know why the transit system has to dive back into its \$5.5 billion rebuilding effort, which is taking care of infrastructure that's been largely ignored for decades. As a reminder of the stresses being put on its aging rails and overcrowded platforms, Metro issued a news release last week trumpeting the

fourth-busiest day in its 37-year history. Cherry blossom gawkers, commuters and folks headed to a Nationals game, a Capitals game and an immigration rally at the U.S. Capitol racked up 870,171 trips.

I just wish Metro would ease us gently back into the schedule. This weekend, riders will have to deal with three closed stations:



By Vicky Hallett

Judiciary Square on the Red Line, and Clarendon and Court House on the Orange Line. Traveling on the Blue or Yellow lines? Trains will come by just once every 30 minutes. And the Green Line will get good old single tracking.

Things could certainly be worse. In addition to the shuttle buses around the closed stations, Metro is continuously running a "shuttle train" among Farragut North, Metro Center and Gallery Place to increase service downtown. (Although that means more train switches.) Plus, there should be fewer tourists getting in the way. So at least you'll have some personal space to wait around forever in.

But just because Metro's spring break from track work is over doesn't mean yours has to be.

With the weather forecast calling for sunny skies and mild highs in the 60s, you might want to think about hoofing it to your destination. Or, you could use Capital Bikeshare, which also has seen enormous ridership recently — the service hit a record 11,368 trips on Saturday.

Days this beautiful don't last long in Washington.

Alexandria Parking Costs May Rise

Alexandria

In the coming months, Alexandria residents might see longer operating hours at parking meters as well as credit-card machines in the city's 700-plus taxicabs.

When visitors or residents go out for the evening and must park

at a meter, they might have to spend more. City Manager Rashad Young suggested last week extending the operating hours of parking meters from ending at 7 p.m. to ending at 9 p.m. The extra two hours would generate an additional \$320,000 in revenue, he said.

Also, the council wrestled with

an attempt to require all locally licensed taxicabs to accept credit cards for payment. The city staff recommended there be no surcharge for using them and that cabbies be allowed to preauthorize fares. The decisions will be finalized when the city budget is decided May 6. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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History, and Future, Debated Downtown

Chinatown residents resist new historic preservation effort

Washington

There was the arrival of Metro. There was construction of the MCI Center (now Verizon Center). There was the convention center — actually, there were two of them.

For decades, Chinese-Americans living and working east of downtown D.C. have felt pushed around by the city's power brokers. Now, just as many of them see an opportunity to benefit from Washington's real-estate boom, they say it may be taken from them.

In January, the D.C. Preservation League, a nonprofit group, proposed expanding a historical district to include 19 additional buildings in the area.

Dozens of Chinese-American residents and business owners railed against the proposal last week, calling it an expensive burden that would add a chapter to a



long list of indignities the community has suffered.

At a meeting convened at the Chinatown Community Cultural Center, D. Peter Sefton, a member of the preservation league's board of trustees, said the proposal would fill in gaps in the historical district.

Albert Der, who grew up on the block, was aghast that the alley between H and I streets was included. "That's where we learned to play ball," Der said. "That alley has no historical value at all other than that we played there."

Tony Cheng, a politically active

A New District

The city first granted protection to buildings downtown in 1982, creating a pinwheel-shaped historical area that included the southern side of the 600 block of I Street NW, but not the northern side of H Street NW immediately below it. The block includes the Chinatown arch and abuts a stretch that has become a booming center of entertainment, dining and night life.

aren't trying to fight new development; they're trying to participate in it.

Michael Darby, president of District-based Monument Realty, said he has contracts for more than a dozen properties on the block. The deals constitute enough property to build 400,000 square feet of retail and offices, but that could grow with other acquisitions, he said.

The proposal will likely be considered by the Historic Preservation Review Board in coming weeks, and if it is approved, Darby said, he would likely have to rework arrangements with some of the landowners because "when we contracted with them, we hadn't assumed that there would be density removed from the site." The historical designation would require him to restore facades on the street.

David Maloney, D.C. State Historic Preservation Officer, said after the meeting that it was hard to predict whether the expansion would be approved. "I think people here were hit cold by it," he said.

JONATHAN O'CONNELL (CAPITAL BUSINESS)

"I don't understand what you all are preserving."

— AUDREY WONG, WHOSE FAMILY OWNS 617 H ST. NW AND SAID THE EXPENSIVE MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS COULD BANKRUPT HER, ADDING THERE IS LITTLE CULTURAL CHINESE SIGNIFICANCE TO THE REMAINING BUILDINGS, SAVE THE CHARACTERS PAINTED OUT FRONT.

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Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	2-9-4-2-7
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	16-29-31-34-37 (16)

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Mid-day Pick 4	4-6-1-2
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	5-3-6-5
Match 5 (Wed.)	4-6-9-23-39 (30)
Multi-Match (Mon.)	1-9-17-22-40-41

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	0-2-9
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	8-4-0
Mid-day Pick 4	1-3-9-7
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	9-8-8-2
Mid-day Cash 5	14-17-20-29-34
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Report: Segregation in Md. Schools Increasing

Annapolis, Md.

More than half of black students in Maryland attend schools where the vast majority of students are non-white and poor, according to a report released Thursday that documents intensifying segregation patterns in public schools over two decades.

Fifty-four percent of black students were enrolled in schools where at least 90 percent of students were racial and ethnic minorities in 2010, up from about a third in 1989. In Prince George's County, where white enrollment decreased from 28 to 4 percent in that time, nine of 10 black students attend a school where at least 90 percent of

students are minorities, and nearly four of 10 go to what the report calls "apartheid schools" where 99 percent of students are minorities.

"We are seeing a lot of racial change ... and not much effort to do anything about it," said Gary Orfield, co-director of the Civil Rights Project, based at the University of California at Los Angeles, which published the report.

Schools with high concentrations of minority students tend to be disproportionately poor and have fewer experienced teachers, inferior facilities, less-challenging classes and less success in promoting college attendance, the report said. MICHAEL ALISON CHANDLER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Episcopal Church Wins Va. Land Case

Falls Church

The Virginia Supreme Court ruled for the Episcopal Church on Thursday in a bitter, multimillion-dollar property dispute with a conservative congregation that had left the denomination over the Bible's view of homosexuality and other issues.

The panel upheld a lower court's decision that the 3,000-member congregation, which voted in 2006 to leave the Episcopal Church, did not have the right to keep the sprawling property. Known as the Falls Church, it is one of the country's largest Episcopal churches and a downtown landmark. MICHELLE BOORSTEIN (THE WASHINGTON POST)



CLOTHING LINE

On the Rack

Nearly 300 people waited in rainy weather for the opening of the Nordstrom Rack on 18th and L streets NW, at the former Border's site, on Thursday morning. The first person in line arrived at 5:30 a.m. "It shows an amazing potential for retail here," said Leona Agouridis, executive director of the Golden Triangle Business Improvement District. "People want to shop." (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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Alex Ovechkin and the Caps have just four games left in the regular season.

► Friday

7:05 P.M. The Orioles open their first interleague series of the season when they host the Dodgers. MASN

► Saturday

7 P.M. The Caps have just four games left in the regular season and face the playoff-bound Canadiens. CSN

► Sunday

3 P.M. The New York Rangers are fighting for the last playoff spot in the East and face the Devils. NBC

8 P.M. The Phillies and Cardinals end their four-game series at Citizens Bank Park with a matchup of Philadelphia's Kyle Kendrick and St. Louis' Jake Westbrook. ESPN

D.C. United vs. Union

Sunday, 5 p.m., ESPN2

D.C. United (1-4-1) has been struggling to score, and the club will look to snap out of it against the Philadelphia Union at RFK Stadium. Coach Ben Olsen has watched his side get shut out four times in six games, and United's goalless stretch has extended to 248 minutes, suggesting moves might need to be made ahead of the May 6 MLS transfer deadline if improvement does not come quickly. AVI CREDITOR (FOR EXPRESS)



Nationals center fielder and leadoff hitter Denard Span has a .313 batting average and .421 on-base percentage this season.

Nats' Leading Man

In Span, Washington has found its answer at the top of the order

Nationals

After only 15 games, Denard Span has proved to be just what Washington's lineup was missing.

Since the franchise moved to Washington in 2005, it has struggled to find a center fielder and a true leadoff hitter. In 2011, the Nationals ranked last in all of baseball in on-base percentage from its No. 1 batter (.285). A season ago, Washington improved to 18th (.325).

Span has gotten off to a solid start, with a .421 on-base percentage, which ranks fifth among leadoff hitters and 21st among all batters in the majors.

Span, who spent his first five major league seasons with Minnesota, has sparked Washing-

ton's offense with his ability to get on base.

"I feel good to be able to do it on another team and be able to help us get off to a good start," Span said.

Having Span as Washington's leadoff hitter has been a welcome philosophical change for Nationals manager Davey Johnson.

"I know I got to take pitches and get on base for my teammates."

— DENARD SPAN, THE NATIONALS' LEADOFF HITTER AND CENTER FIELDER.

"I'd rather have a better hitter than a long-ball [hitter]," Johnson said. "You do more damage when a quality hitter gets on base and keeps the line moving. Denard Span has done that his whole career."

Span is still getting accustomed to some of the National League's

variations in comparison to the American League game. Last week in the series finale against Atlanta, Span was pulled after making the last out of the fifth inning so Washington could execute a double switch.

"They broke it down to me with what was going on, but I still didn't get it," Span said smiling. "I just shook my head and took a seat."

Span missed the last two games in Miami due to a stomach illness but hopes to return to Washington's lineup to face the New York Mets during the weekend series.

Span knows Washington will be counting on him to get the Nationals off to a hot start each game now that the ballclub has found a true leadoff hitter.

"We still have a lot of baseball left," Span said. "A lot of it is how I feel at the plate swinging. Also, I know I got to take pitches and get on base for my teammates."

JASON BUTT (FOR EXPRESS)

Series Preview

Nats at Mets

TODAY 7:10 P.M., MASN2



Stephen Strasburg
1-2, 2.95 ERA



Matt Harvey
3-0, 0.82 ERA

SATURDAY 3:05 P.M., FOX



Gio Gonzalez
1-1, 4.50 ERA



Jeremy Hefner
0-2, 7.20 ERA

SUNDAY 1:10 P.M., MASN2



J. Zimmermann
3-0, 2.45 ERA



Dillon Gee
0-3, 8.36 ERA

Who's Hot?

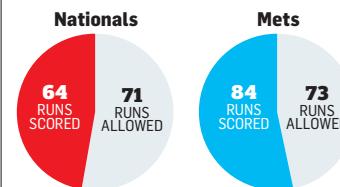
Bryce Harper, Nats: Not even the flu could slow down Harper, who went 4-for-5 on Wednesday despite vomiting numerous times off the field.

Who's Not?

Dillon Gee, Mets: The right-hander is 0-3 and has allowed 13 earned runs in 14 innings pitched. On Sunday, Gee will go against the Nats' Jordan Zimmermann, who is 3-0 and has a 2.45 ERA.

How They Match Up

THROUGH THURSDAY'S GAMES



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Abby Wambach has 155 career international goals, three shy of the U.S. record.

Spirit Welcome A Familiar Face

Washington to play Wambach and Flash in its home opener

Women's Soccer

Abby Wambach used to call the D.C. area home.

As a former member of the Washington Freedom of the now-defunct WUSA and WPS, the U.S. women's national team icon plied her trade while representing the nation's capital. On Saturday, Wambach will be one seriously marked opponent.

Wambach, who has 155 career international goals and is three shy of Mia Hamm's all-time international record, will lead the Western New York Flash into the Maryland SoccerPlex to take on the Washington Spirit in the home opener of the Spirit's venture into the National Women's Soccer League.

The NWSL, a new eight-team league, has given women's soccer players new life on the club level after the WPS folded last May.

With a distribution of players from the U.S., Canadian and Mexican national teams and financial backing from the three federations, the hope is that the new league will serve as a steady foundation for women's club soccer going forward.

The D.C. area, which has been a



7 P.M.
Saturday



constant across the women's soccer scene, will have the Spirit officially introduced to area women's soccer fans after opening the 22-game season with a 1-1 draw at the Boston Breakers last weekend.

"To have this home game and to have Abby come back after she played here for a number of years adds to the excitement of just getting the team back into the D.C. area," Spirit captain and U.S. national team midfielder Lori Lindsey said.

The Flash struggled in their opener against Sky Blue FC, falling 1-0, but the Spirit defenders are expecting a challenge, especially facing Wambach.

"She's a great player," Spirit coach Mike Jorden said. "We've got to try and press a little higher, and the big thing with her, too, is keeping her off the ends of crosses and set pieces. She's a presence in the box, so we've got to play very physical this weekend."

By midweek, tickets for the home opener were still available for about half of SoccerPlex's maximum capacity, according to Spirit general manager Chris Hummer.

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East Power Rankings

Which team has the best chance to come out of the East?

1. Miami Heat

The reigning NBA champions are the heavy favorites, but they did have a losing record against both New York and Indiana during the regular season.

2. Indiana Pacers

They're the best rebounding team in the league and the top defensive team in the East, and they have multiple scoring options in the post and on the perimeter.

3. New York Knicks

Injury concerns, reliance on the 3-pointer and a first-round matchup against the veteran Celtics make New York a less likely pick than the Pacers.

4. Chicago Bulls

If Derrick Rose somehow comes back in the playoffs — and is able to play well — the Bulls become a legit threat to beat the Heat. Without the point guard, Chicago still will be a tough out.

5. Boston Celtics

Do the Celtics have one more title run in them with Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett?

6. Brooklyn Nets

Talent is not an issue. Brooklyn needs Deron Williams to step up to be the elite point guard he's been in the latter part of the season.

7. Atlanta Hawks

Atlanta has advanced past the first round three of the past four years. The problem is the Hawks haven't gone further than that.

8. Milwaukee Bucks

Winning a game will be tough, let alone coming out of the conference. J.T.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE PREVIEW

Is There a Heat Threat?

The reigning NBA champion Miami Heat seem destined to make the NBA Finals.

Miami stormed through the season, winning 27 straight games at one point, and LeBron James looks like a lock to win his fourth MVP of his career. Will he have a second ring to go with it? JEFFREY TOMIK (EXPRESS)



No. 1 Heat (66-16) vs. No. 8 Bucks (38-44)

Season series: Heat, 3-1

Game 1: Sunday, 7 p.m.

Top storyline: Miami's defending its title. The Heat begin with a series against a Bucks team that lost 12 of its past 16 games. LeBron James and Co. need to show their dominance and quickly take care of the Bucks to rest up for what should be a grinding series against either the Bulls or Nets in the second round.

How the Bucks can win: The Heat's worst loss of the season was a 29-point defeat in Milwaukee.

The Bucks' defense was the difference — holding the Heat to 85 points and forcing 20 turnovers. If Milwaukee is going to steal a few games, Larry Sanders — who had four blocks in that Dec. 29 win — will need to be the difference on both ends of the floor.

Prediction: Miami in five

No. 2 Knicks (54-28) vs. No. 7 Celtics (41-40)

Season series: Knicks, 3-1

Game 1: Saturday, 3 p.m.

Top storyline: Carmelo Anthony's under pressure. The Knicks forward won his first scoring title of his career, averaging 28.7 points a game. But now Anthony needs to prove he can perform in the postseason. The All-Star has advanced past the first round once in nine postseason appearances. The health of the older Knicks will also be a major factor in the series.

How the Celtics can win: If Boston can defend the 3-pointer, it'll win the series. No team in the NBA relies on outside shooting more than the Knicks, who averaged an NBA-high 28.9 3-point attempts a game. When those shots go in, New York can beat anyone. When they don't, New York struggles.

Prediction: New York in six

No. 3 Pacers (49-32) vs. No. 6 Hawks (44-38)

Season series: Tied 2-2

Game 1: Sunday, 1 p.m.

Top storyline: Are the Pacers for real? Despite All-Star Danny Granger playing in only five games all year, Indiana had its most wins since the 2003-04 season. Paul George had a breakout season, and Roy Hibbert and David West give the Pacers low-post options. They win with their defense, which held opponents to a conference-best 90.7 points a game.

How the Hawks can win: Atlanta has an answer for West and Hibbert in Josh Smith and Al Horford. Atlanta's two leading scorers need to outplay their counterparts. The Hawks' big men combined to average 38.2 points a game in wins this season but just 30.9 points in losses, while both shooting substantially worse from the field.

Prediction: Indiana in six

No. 4 Nets (49-33) vs. No. 5 Bulls (45-37)

Season series: Bulls, 3-1

Game 1: Saturday, 8 p.m.

Top storyline: The Nets are back. After missing the postseason five straight years, the Nets are in the playoffs in their first season in Brooklyn. Deron Williams got off to a slow start, but the point guard averaged 22.9 points a game after the All-Star break. He'll face a Bulls team that's been without All-Star point guard Derrick Rose all season.

How the Bulls can win: Joakim Noah and the hardest-working team in the league need to outhustle the Nets' high-energy guys — Reggie Evans, Gerald Wallace and Kris Humphries. There are plenty of players in this series that will sacrifice their bodies for loose balls and hit the glass hard. Chicago needs to win those battles to advance.

Prediction: Chicago in seven

WESTERN CONFERENCE PREVIEW

One Healthy Choice

Injuries have changed the landscape of the Western Conference playoffs. A once-seemingly wide-open bracket now appears to be the Thunder's to lose after the Spurs, Nuggets and Lakers suffered injuries to key players. Oklahoma City still has a tough road ahead, though. JEFFREY TOMIK (EXPRESS)



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No. 1 Thunder (60-22) vs. No. 8 Rockets (45-37)

Season series: Thunder, 2-1

Game 1: Sunday, 9:30 p.m.

Top storyline: James Harden is facing his old team. The sixth man of the year in 2012 is now a star in Houston. Harden averaged 25.9 points a game, nearly 10 points more than he did with Oklahoma City in 2011-12. For the Thunder's Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook to make it back to the NBA Finals, they'll have to get through their friend.

How the Rockets can win:

Houston does one thing really well: score. The Rockets averaged 106.0 points a game, second best in the league. They have six players that average double-digits and were tied with the Knicks for most 3-point attempts per game (28.9). For the Rockets to have any chance against the Thunder, they'll need to score — a lot.

Prediction: Oklahoma City in five

No. 2 Spurs (58-24) vs. No. 7 Lakers (45-37)

Season series: Spurs, 2-1

Game 1: Sunday, 3:30 p.m.

Top storyline: These two Western Conference powerhouses have been going in opposite directions. The Spurs have lost seven of their past 10 games, while the Lakers have won eight of nine. Injuries will be a key in this series. How healthy are the Spurs' Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili? And how will the Lakers function without Kobe Bryant?

How the Lakers can win: L.A. has underachieved, but it still has two of the best big men — Dwight Howard and Pau Gasol. Gasol has flourished of late as a facilitator in the high post — averaging 8.0 assists in his past four games. If the Lakers are able to continue to run their offense through Gasol, they could give Tim Duncan and the Spurs lots of problems.

Prediction: Los Angeles in six

No. 3 Nuggets (57-25) vs. No. 6 Warriors (47-35)

Season series: Nuggets, 3-1

Game 1: Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Top storyline: Get ready to run. Denver averages a league-leading 106.1 points a game, while Golden State is at 101.2. But these teams score in different ways. The Nuggets led the NBA in points in the paint. With Ty Lawson, Denver tries to beat teams down the floor on every possession. Meanwhile, the Warriors rely heavily on sharp-shooter Stephen Curry.

How the Warriors can win: Connect from beyond the arc. Curry set an NBA single-season record with 272 3-pointers, and he's not the Warriors' only deep threat. Klay Thompson made 211 from 3. Golden State's starting backcourt shoots better than 40 percent from long range. A hot series from Curry and Thompson would mean trouble for Denver.

Prediction: Denver in six

No. 4 Clippers (56-26) vs. No. 5 Grizzlies (56-26)

Season series: Clippers, 3-1

Game 1: Saturday, 10:30 p.m.

Top storyline: We meet again. Last year, the Clippers beat the Grizzlies in the first round — winning Game 7 in Memphis. This year, L.A. has home-court advantage and has played even better in Chris Paul's second season with the Clippers. The Grizzlies are the best defensive team in the league — holding opponents to 89.3 points a game.

How the Grizzlies can win: Memphis' defense must trump the stars of L.A. Chris Paul, Blake Griffin and Jamal Crawford are three of the best at what they do, but the Grizzlies have an answer for each of them. Tony Allen and Marc Gasol will both receive defensive player of the year votes, and Mike Conley was third in the league in steals (2.2 a game).

Prediction: Memphis in seven

West Power Rankings

Which team has the best chance to come out of the West?

1. Oklahoma City Thunder

Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook don't have James Harden to rely on off the bench this year, but Kevin Martin should fill in nicely during their playoff run.

2. Memphis Grizzlies

Two years ago, Memphis upset the Spurs before losing to the Thunder in seven games in the Western Conference semifinals. Is there another deep playoff run awaiting?

3. Denver Nuggets

Injuries to Danilo Gallinari (out for the season) and Kenneth Faried (battling an ankle injury) could derail their chances to make it out of the Western Conference.

4. Los Angeles Lakers

Despite missing Kobe Bryant, this is still a dangerous team that's coming into the postseason playing the best it has played all year.

5. San Antonio Spurs

If Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili play at the high level they're capable of, this is the Thunder's top competition. But that's a big if.

6. Los Angeles Clippers

With Chris Paul and Blake Griffin, there's always a chance to make a deep run. They certainly have the talent to compete with anyone.

7. Houston Rockets

James Harden has playoff experience, but the last time he was in the postseason he disappeared in the Thunder's NBA Finals loss.

8. Golden State Warriors

They'll be fun to watch in the future, but they're too young now. J.T.

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NOW PLAYING



Howard University alum Chadwick Boseman plays Jackie Robinson in "42."

42

(PG-13, 127 MINUTES) Brian Helgeland has succeeded in "42," a soaring portrayal of Jackie Robinson's entry into Major League Baseball in 1947. Anchored by a quietly compelling lead performance from Howard University graduate Chadwick Boseman, "42" is suffused with the casual racism of the era and captures Robinson as a character whose meaning and power is primarily existential. Thanks to transitional figures like Robinson, we've always been the home of the brave. To be the land of the free, the film suggests, we all need to step up to the plate. A.H.

The Croods

(PG, 92 MINUTES) Think of this as the story of "The Flintstones," before that modern Stone Age family got, well, modern. Hunter-gatherers Grug Crood and his wife, Ugga, don't live in an amenity-filled house but in a dark, depressing cave. Driving the story forward is Eep, a restless teen. Sneaking out of the cave one night, Eep encounters Guy, a more advanced, Homo-sapiens-like adolescent who has discovered that the world as Eep knows it is coming to an end, thanks to shifting continental land masses. "The Croods" is light fare, but it explores a serious theme: the importance of cooperation in the formation of human society. M.O.

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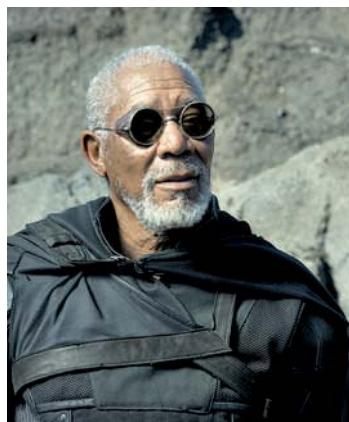
Out of 'Oblivion'

Tom Cruise wipes the slate clean with this complex and gripping science-fiction thriller

Film Review

"Oblivion" looks marvelous, in the deliciously dystopian way of so many post-apocalyptic films. It's set in 2077, after alien invaders called Scavengers (or "Scavs") have laid waste to our moon, leading to cataclysmic floods and earthquakes that have ravaged Earth. The film features gorgeous CGI shots of such broken, half-buried landmarks as the Washington Monument and the Empire State Building, whose observation deck can now be accessed by walking onto it from a mountain of rubble.

Tom Cruise plays Jack Harper, a futuristic maintenance man whose dangerous job consists of repairing the drones that patrol Earth, an unpopulated wasteland where giant "hydro rigs" convert seawater into energy to be used by what's left of the human race, which has relocated to a colony on one of Sat-



Morgan Freeman, left, has a somewhat mysterious role in the future-set "Oblivion."

urn's moons. Although we've won the war against the Scavs, there are still some left, and they enjoy trying to kill Jack.

All is not as it appears, however. The Scavs' terrorist-style activities pick up, and a spacecraft loaded with humans in suspended anima-



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tion crash-lands on Earth (this is where Morgan Freeman becomes involved, though specifying how would reveal too much). Suddenly, the order of Jack's world is turned upside-down, including his understanding of who is good and bad.

More important, Jack starts

Oblivion (PG-13)

► **Director:** Joseph Kosinski

► **Stars:** Tom Cruise, Morgan Freeman, Olga Kurylenko

► **In a Nutshell:** A futuristic maintenance man in a post-apocalyptic world is assigned to extract Earth's remaining resources, but soon begins to question what he really knows about his mission and himself.



Olga Kurylenko, left, plays a key role as Tom Cruise's character, Jack, tries to uncover his forgotten past in "Oblivion."

to question his own identity and the very nature of identity itself. Although he underwent a "memory wipe" that erased everything he knew before starting the job, Jack is plagued by strange dreams of a pre-war Earth — when he wouldn't have been born — and of a mysterious woman (Olga Kurylenko).

The film's big reveal is satisfying but requires some mental effort.

Overall, it's an engrossing, if complicated and twisty, story, with plentiful sci-fi action and a provocative subtext about the nature of the human soul. At times, however, the balance between those two things feels off. Some of the fight sequences, which involve robotic flying "drones" mounted on guns, go on too long.

As for the elephant in the room, Cruise makes for a fine and even appealing action hero, perhaps because his character is someone without a past. It's as if "Oblivion" wants us to undergo our own memory wipes before seeing the film.

If you're able to forgive and forget, "Oblivion" isn't a bad place to start loving Tom Cruise all over again. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

ready to rent



Howard University student Stephanie Pace chose to live in an off-campus apartment during her senior year. It "gives me somewhat of a getaway," she says.

Students Step off Campus

Local undergraduates have rental options beyond traditional dorms

First-time Renters

College students can live crammed into a tiny dorm room, begging for personal space and fighting for first dibs on the hall bathroom. Or they can opt to lease an apartment on their own or with friends.

Many apartment buildings in the Washington area have a high concentration of local college students. Some, including The Enclave in College Park, Md., are privately run but market themselves specifically to students.

Marissa Masiello, a University of Maryland senior, chose to spend her senior year living in The Enclave at 8700 (8700 Baltimore Ave., College Park, Md.; 301-220-3143, 8700enclave.com). The 369-unit apartment complex is not affiliated with the university but caters to students there.

"The space here is nice," Masiello says.

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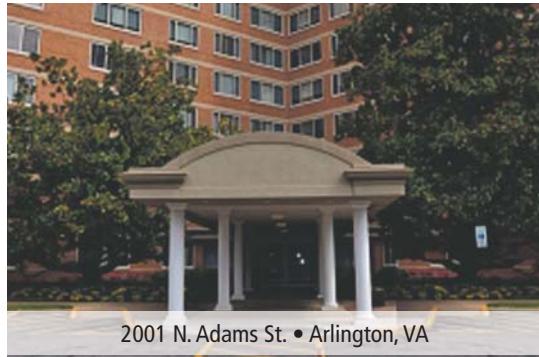
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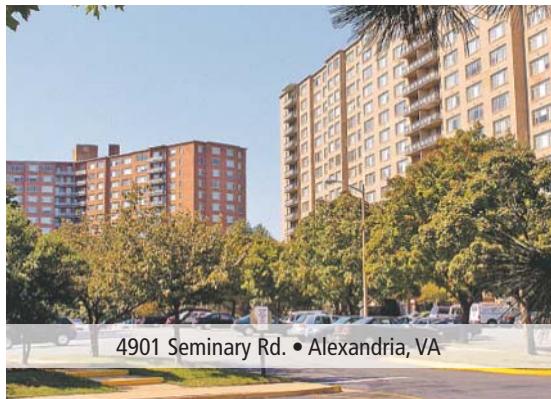
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Student Rentals

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"I like how it's not completely congested. By campus, the apartments seem to be closer together."

For many students, especially upperclassmen, traditional on-campus dorm life just doesn't cut it, Masiello says.

A building like The Enclave can be a transitional phase for many young people.

"Student housing is a stepping stone for students that are upperclassmen," says Nisha Majmudar, business development manager at The Enclave.

Majmudar says most residents are juniors and seniors who are looking to upgrade from the traditional dorm experience but are not yet ready for a grown-up apartment.

nextweek

Feel like you're throwing money away on rent? Some programs put part of that rent toward buying. Learn about it in next week's issue.

"After they graduate, students end up moving into an apartment that's more like a traditional apartment," Majmudar says.

The building asks prospective renters to show their student ID to confirm that they are enrolled in school. Requirements for residency also include a background check, a credit check and, for those under 23, the signature of a parent or other guarantor.

Even leases are student-friendly. Individual leases mean residents are only responsible for their own contract. So while three or four people may share a suite, students are not liable for any roommates who are late on rent.

The Enclave, which is less than a mile from U-Md.'s College Park campus, also offers shuttle service from its front entrance to campus.

The building has adopted many measures that you'd find in dorm life. The building uses key fobs and night guards as security measures for residents. Maintenance services are a part of the rent, along with basic cable.

Even the social life mirrors on-campus life.

"We do a lot of stuff to encourage interaction," Majmudar says. "We also have study lounges, a fitness center and a lot of different areas in the building where you



Howard University senior Stephanie Pace drives to campus from her apartment.

Education Transportation

For students who choose to live off campus, getting to and from class can be a challenge. The Enclave offers a shuttle to the University of Maryland, but many off-campus residents choose to drive. Of course, those students not only have to find parking on campus, which can at times be a challenge, they have to figure out where to park at home. At The Avondale Overlook, resident Stephanie Pace says parking can be a bit of an issue. Free outdoor parking can fill up pretty fast, she says. The unreserved spots are all free, and reserved parking is \$65 more a month. In the reserved parking spots, "You have to make sure you have a parking permit," she says, "or else you'll get towed." K.C.

can connect with other residents."

Although most residents are undergrads, The Enclave doesn't limit its residents strictly to younger students, so long as they have some university affiliation.

"We have students that are in the transitional phase as well, who just got their first job," Majmudar says. "We also have graduate students and research assistants."

While The Enclave isn't affiliated with a university, it advertises heavily to students at the Universi-

ty of Maryland, Howard University and local community colleges.

The Next Step

Of course, there are plenty of traditional apartment buildings that appeal to college students — especially those close to campus. Many students seek out places that have a high concentration of their classmates, replicating the dorm experience but off campus.

"Living off campus gives me somewhat of a getaway," says

Stephanie Pace, 21. "When I don't want to be on campus, I can always come home, and the commute is not bad at all."

The Howard University student lives in 247-unit The Avondale Overlook (2400 Queens Chapel Road, Hyattsville, Md.; 301-779-3555; Avondaleoverlook.com).

While The Avondale is very popular among college students from Howard, U-Md. and Catholic University, the building leases to anyone who qualifies.

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The number of undergrad and graduate students living in the Washington metropolitan area, according to data from the 2010 American Community Survey. (EXPRESS)

Residency requirements include a background check, a \$50 application fee, two forms of ID and four to six current, consecutive pay stubs. However, since students may not have pay stubs, they're offered different options to qualify to rent.

"We do take student loans," says Devin Quinichett, a marketing specialist for The Avondale Overlook. "You'd need an in-detail summary to show the income and the tuition to take out the loan. We also take guarantors. They would also need the same documentation."

Key fobs control The Avondale security door entrances. Regular maintenance can service an apartment within 24 hours, and emergency maintenance is always available. Utilities and cable are included in the rent.

Depending on what suite option a student chooses, the rent could be a little cheaper than the average dorm.

The Avondale offers studios through three bedrooms, some of which have a balcony view. Leases range from two to 12 months and square footage ranges from 720 to 1,350. Prices vary with specials but currently are from \$715 to \$1,465 a month.

Of course, it's not all about saving money.

"The downfall of the dorms is having to show your ID when you enter and having to check in your company," Pace says. "Living off campus in an apartment allows for more growth."

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DC		Banneker Place 3738 D St., SE Washington, DC 20019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ \$40 Application fee ■ Free gas, hot water and heat ■ an array of modern amenities and many extras for your convenience. Choose from a variety of living spaces designed to meet your every need. You'll be close to transportation, shopping, more! 	Studios \$679 1 Bedrooms \$849 202-584-1688	X X X X X X			
DC		Friendship Court 4632 Livingston Rd.,SE Washington, DC 20032	Fresh, crisp and beautifully landscaped. Friendship Court's newly renovated community is remodeled with you in mind! Our apartment homes are completely upgraded ,ready for you to visit.	1&2 BRs Starting at \$699 \$25 Application Fee 866-754-0431	X X X X X X			
DC		Marbury Plaza Apartments 2300 Good Hope Rd. Washington DC. 20020	Shh! The Best Kept Secret in SE Open House Sat. Apr 13th 10-4pm Application Fee Waived!! Marbury Plaza sits on a hill overlooking DC with some of the best panoramic views of the city. All utilities included, upgraded eat-in-kitchens, huge walk-in closets, swimming pool, CAC, secure access, 24 hr front desk concierge,Metro at front door.	Studio - 2BRS Starting at \$ 898 888-635-2804 marburyplaza.com	X X X X X X			X
DC		Village at Chesapeake 845 Chesapeake St., SE Washington DC 20032	Updated appliances, lighting and cabinets! Off street parking, beautiful landscaping, and close to public transportation. Amenities include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall to wall carpeting ,central Heat/AC • Playgrounds. Ask about our LOW to NO Deposit <u>IT'S EASIER THAN YOU THINK!</u>	2 & 3BRs Starting at \$1075 202-561-2050 Chesapeake@vestacorp.com	X X X X X X			X
DC		Kennedy Row 1717 East Capitol Street SE Washington DC 20003	Newest apartments on Capitol Hill Studio, 1BR & 2BR Steps to Metro Close to H Street & Eastern Market On-site Fitness Center Are you Hill Enough?	Studio, 1BR & 2BRs Starting at \$1575 202-470-1248 kennedyrow@jbg.com	X X X X X X X X X			
DC		The Overlook at Oxon Run 3700 9th St. SE Washington DC 20032	\$150 off 1st Month's Rent!!!* Newly Renovated Highrise. Affordable Rents/Tax Credit Property must be income eligible. Near Green line, Gym, Off street parking,Hair salon... Please call Melvina at 202-373-1900. *Must move in by 4/15/13	2 BRs Starting at \$1075 202-373-1900 theoverlookdc.com	X X X X X X		X X	X X

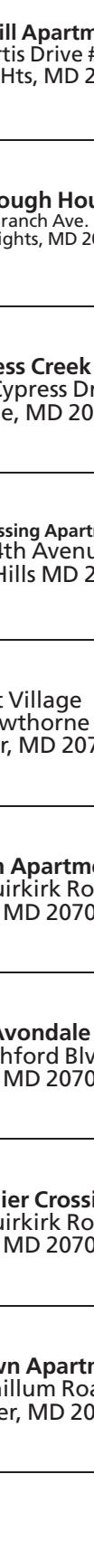
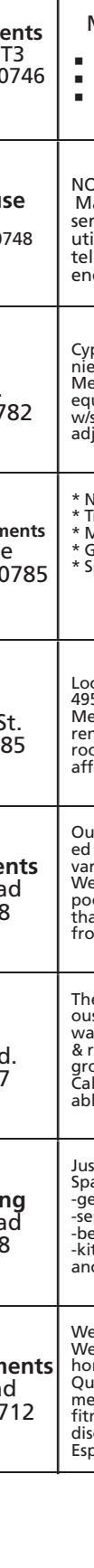
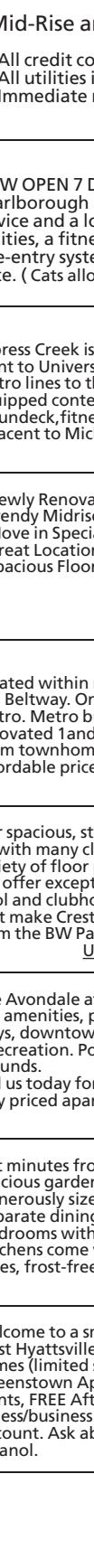
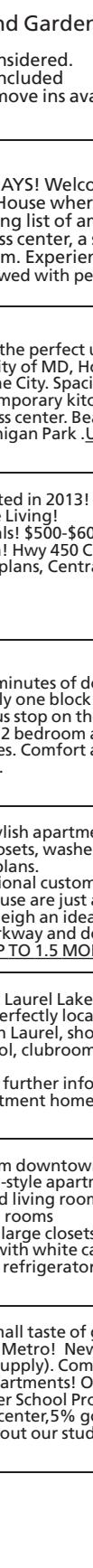
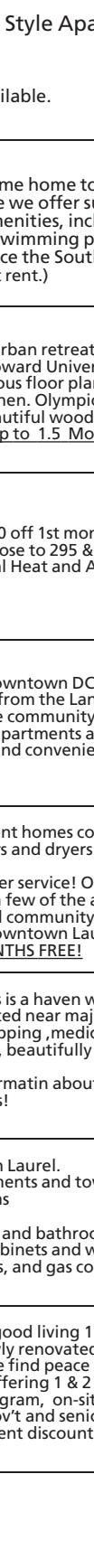
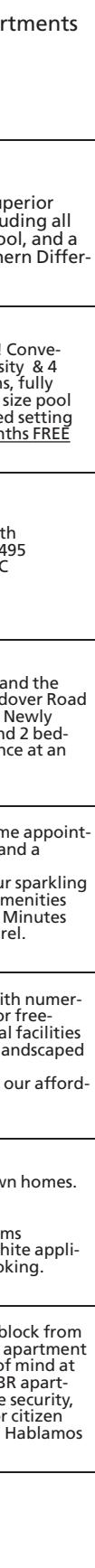
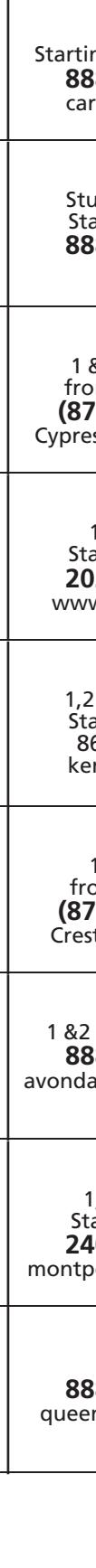
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DC		Meadow Green Courts 3539 A St., SE Washington, DC 20019	Large walk-in closets, dishwashers and A/C. 5% Disc. to all Metro & DC Gov't. employees. Housing Choice Vouchers welcome for rents within voucher limits. *Ask about our move-in special!	1,2,3 BRs Starting at \$810* 866-653-9652	X	X	X	X	X	X					
DC		Park Naylor Apartments 2562 Naylor Road, SE Washington, DC 20020	***LEASING SPECIAL*** \$15 App. fee, \$99 Deposit (upon approved credit) FREE Heat, Cooking & Water, Pay Rent On-line, Renovated Units, On Bus Route, Balconies/Patios, Wall to wall carpet, 1,2, & 2 Br Duplex, Swimming Pool, Controlled Access, 5% disc. Gov't & Seniors. * Prices subject to change daily	1, 2 Brs Starting at \$929* 202-509-0958 parknaylorapartments.com	X	X		X	X	X			X		
DC		Bass Circle Apartments 4511 B Street SE Washington DC 20019	Completely Renovated Tax Credit Property • Hardwood Floors • Dishwasher • Self cleaning oven • Secure entry • On-site laundry • 1 block from Benning Rd. Subway Station • Rents starting at \$760.00	1BRs Fr. \$760 + Elec 2BRs Fr. \$925 + Elec 3BRs Fr. \$1135 + Elec 202-621-6836	X	X	X		X				X		
DC		Eagles Crossing 1116 Irvington St., SW Washington, DC 20032	Comfort, convenience and quality... Eagle's Crossing has it all. Our garden-style spacious apartments offer beautifully landscaped grounds with easy access to public transportation, minutes away from downtown, 295, and the Metro. \$99 MOVE IN SPECIAL! (call for details)	Studio, 1, 2 Brs From the \$700s 866-233-0132 eandggroup.com	X	X	X		X	X		X			
MD		Gateway Gardens 4203 58th Avenue Bladensburg, MD 20710	Located in suburban Maryland. Gateway Gardens offers comfort and convenience minutes away from shopping, restaurants, entertainment, Metro bus and Metro rail. A modern apartment that is cable-ready, not to mention a balcony or patio.	1,2,3BR's Starting at \$980 888-448-9013 gatewaygardens.net	X	X	X		X	X			X		
MD		Penn Southern 4113 Southern Avenue Capitol Hts, MD 20743	All credit considered. FIOS ready. Upgraded eat-in kitchens. Paint options available in select apartments. Individually controlled air conditioning & heat. Close to Metro. ■ Minutes from Washington DC & Capitol Hill ■ Pool, sundeck, playground ■ Business Center	Studio, 1,2,3BR Starting at \$830 866-810-0275 pennsouthern.com	X	X	X		X			X			
MD		Rochelle Hall Apartments 1996 Rochelle Avenue District Heights, MD 20747	Discover the thrill, excitement and glee of living in Rochelle Hall Apartments 1 MONTH FREE. All Brand new Units (New hdwd flooring, new stainless steel appliances), new kitchens and bathrooms. Receive FREE KINDLE FIRE or LED FISIO Flat Screen! Apts are going fast Pre-Lease NOW!!!	1 & 2 BedRooms Starting at \$899 301-967-0082	X	X			X	X			X		
MD		Woodland Springs 6617 Atwood Street District Heights, MD 20747	SPRING INTO SAVINGS! Reduced Rent on select 1 & 2 BR apartments. MOVE IN BY MAY 5TH AND WIN A 27" Flat Screen TV If you are looking for a high quality, family and senior friendly community then Woodland Springs is the place for you! (Free app fees w/this ad)	1-4BR's Starting at \$810 301-760-4270 woodlandsprings@sheltergrp.com	X	X		X	X	X					
MD		Penn Landing Apartment Homes 6311 Pennsylvania Ave. Forestville, MD 20747	Welcome to Penn Landing Apartments, where exceptional customer service and comfort meet. Come see for yourself! Large apartments, affordable rents, and an unbeatable location all add up to complete convenience and relaxation. We look forward to welcoming you home.	1, 2, 3 BRs, 2BR Duplexes 301-850-0189 Starting at \$ 799 pennlandingapts.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
MD		River Pointe Apartment Homes 8340 Indian Head Hwy Ft. Washington, MD 20744	Great Location! Minutes from National Harbour off Route 210 East! Generously sized floor plans with modern kitchens and a balcony or patio. All Utilities Included!	2,3 and 4BR's Starting at \$1045 888-928-3167 RiverPointemd.com	X	X	X	X		X	X			X	

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MD		Rosecroft Mews 2428 Corning Ave Fort Washington, MD 20744	Rosecroft Mews is a hidden gem in fort Washington Md. Tucked away in a quite neighborhood lies a newly renovated community, you'll be greeted by our friendly & knowledgeable team. Rosecroft is within minutes of shopping & dining. come see our newly renovated homes & wonderful features.	1,2,3BR's Starting at \$799 Second Chance Approval!! 301-630-1300	X X X	X X X X	X
MD		Carriage Hill Apartments 3416 Curtis Drive #T3 Hillcrest Hts, MD 20746	Mid-Rise and Garden Style Apartments <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ All credit considered.■ All utilities included■ Immediate move ins available.	1BR - 3BR's Starting at \$985-\$1465 888-341-7613 carriageapts.net	X X X		
MD		Marlborough House 3001 Branch Ave. Hillcrest Heights, MD 20748	NOW OPEN 7 DAYS! Welcome home to Marlborough House where we offer superior service and a long list of amenities, including all utilities, a fitness center, a swimming pool, and a tele-entry system. Experience the Southern Difference. (Cats allowed with pet rent.)	Studio, 1BR, 2BR Starting at \$945 888-347-6956	X X X X	X X X X	X
MD		Cypress Creek 8603 Cypress Dr. Hyattsville, MD 20782	Cypress Creek is the perfect urban retreat! Convenient to University of MD, Howard University, & 4 Metro lines to the City. Spacious floor plans, fully equipped contemporary kitchen. Olympic size pool w/sundeck,fitness center. Beautiful wooded setting adjacent to Michigan Park .Up to 1.5 Months FREE!	1 & 2 Bedrooms from the \$1000's (877) 675-0044 CypressCreekApts.com	X X X X	X X X	X X X
MD		Cheverly Crossing Apartments 3839 64th Avenue Landover Hills MD 20785	* Newly Renovated in 2013! * Trendy Midrise Living! * Move in Specials! \$500-\$600 off 1st month * Great Location! Hwy 450 Close to 295 & 495 * Spacious Floorplans, Central Heat and AC	1 Bedrooms Starting at \$850 202-421-9618 www.novodev.com	X X X X	X X X	X
MD		Kent Village 6707 Hawthorne St. Landover, MD 20785	Located within minutes of downtown DC and the 495 Beltway. Only one block from the Landover Road Metro. Metro bus stop on the community. Newly renovated 1and 2 bedroom apartments and 2 bedroom townhomes. Comfort and convenience at an affordable price.	1,2BR's, 2BR TH's Starting at \$932 866-799-4621 kentvillage.com	X X X X X X		X
MD		Crestleigh Apartments 9556 Muirkirk Road Laurel, MD 20708	Our spacious, stylish apartment homes come appointed with many closets, washers and dryers and a variety of floor plans. We offer exceptional customer service! Our sparkling pool and clubhouse are just a few of the amenities that make Crestleigh an ideal community. Minutes from the BW Parkway and downtown Laurel. UP TO 1.5 MONTHS FREE!	1 Bedrooms from the \$1200s (877) 804-6217 CrestleighApts.com	X X X X	X X X	X X
MD		The Avondale 8301 Ashford Blvd. Laurel, MD 20707	The Avondale at Laurel Lakes is a haven with numerous amenities, perfectly located near major freeways, downtown Laurel, shopping ,medical facilities & recreation. Pool, clubroom, beautifully landscaped grounds. Call us today for further informatin about our affordably priced apartment homes!	1 & 2 BRs from \$1099 888-701-7515 avondaleapartments.net	X X X X X X		
MD		Montpelier Crossing 9689 Muirkirk Road Laurel, MD 20708	Just minutes from downtown Laurel. Spacious garden-style apartments and town homes. -generously sized living rooms -separate dining rooms -bedrooms with large closets and bathrooms -kitchens come with white cabinets and white appliances, frost-free refrigerators, and gas cooking.	1, 2, 3 BR THs Starting at \$890 240-547-2113 montpeliercrossing.com	X X X X X X	X X X	X
MD		Queenstown Apartments 3301 Chillum Road Mt. Rainier, MD 20712	Welcome to a small taste of good living 1 block from West Hyattsville Metro! Newly renovated apartment homes (limited supply). Come find peace of mind at Queenstown Apartments! Offering 1 & 2 BR apartments, FREE After School Program, on-site security, fitness/business center,5% gov't and senior citizen discount. Ask about our student discount! Hablamos Espanol.	1, 2 BRs 888-759-9112 queenstownapts.com	X X X X X X X		

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MD		Sutton Walk 5306 85th Ave. New Carrollton, MD 20784	Newly Renovated Apartments! FREE RENT UNTIL MAY Comfortable, spacious apartment homes just inside the Beltway • Walk to Metro • Washer & Dryer in each apartment • Huge Closets	1 Bedrooms Starting at \$1220 877-363-7231 Apply on line@ SuttonWalk.com	X				X X							X	
MD		Southview 1309 Southview Dr. Oxon Hill, MD 20745	Open the door to the GOOD LIFE at Southview. With these spacious, affordable and conveniently located apartment homes, the GOOD LIFE is waiting for you inside and out. An easy commute takes you downtown by car or Metro, while back home, recreation areas and our two pools keep everyone active. Don't deny yourself the lifestyle you know you deserve. Visit Southview and get ready to live it!	Studio, 1, 2, 3BR's Starting at \$803 888-414-6645 southviewapts.com	X X X X X X X X									X			
MD		Oxon Hill Village 2260 Alice Avenue Oxon Hill, MD 20745	Nestled between the District of Columbia and historic Virginia, Oxon Hill Village offers a variety of floorplans, free services and amenities including a fitness center, indoor gymnasium, business center and all utilities included.	1BR- 3BR's Starting at \$1050 888-512-6025	X X X X X X X X								X	X			
MD		Hillbrook Towers 515 Thayer Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910	PAY \$599 YOUR FIRST MONTH WITH A 12 MONTH LEASE! Newly renovated mid-rise apts on a lovely residential street close to the center of Silver Spring. Elevator, CAC, disposals, assigned free parking. Walk to Metro. Housing Vouchers Welcome	1 BRS fr. \$1100 2 BRs FR. \$1225 888-833-9784		X	X X	X X	X X						X X		
MD		Montgomery Trace Apts. 14120 Grand Pre Road Silver Spring, MD 20906	2 BR/2 Bath Available NOW!!! <u>Live in Style & Convenience...</u> Our property features large layouts, washer/dryer in unit, 2 tone paint, new carpet and many upgrades throughout. Located near Glenmont Metro and a short drive to DC, Bethesda, and Silver Spring. Home is waiting for you and also your pet. Military Disc.	2 BRs Starting at \$1478 301-460-4510 montgomerytraceapartments.com	X X				X X X						X		
MD		Paddington Square 8800 Lanier Drive Silver Spring, MD 20910	A hidden gem...Fall in love with your new home!! Location & privacy in a lush setting. Renovated apt. homes nestled between Connecticut Ave & Georgia Ave. Enjoy the amenities and manicured grounds tucked away in a true neighborhood! Home never felt so good.	2 Brs Starting at \$1449 240-752-6947 paddingtonsquare.com		X	X X	X X	X X						X		
MD		Silver Hill Apartments 4227 Silver Hill Road Suitland, MD 20746	Sign a 12 month lease and your 1st month's Rent is only \$599 Our oversized living spaces feature hardwood floors and mini blinds. We are conveniently located near the finest in shopping, dining and entertainment. • Housing Vouchers Welcome • Holding fee required with application • Carpet extra	1 BRs fr. \$830 2 BRs fr. \$940 A/C \$70 per mo extra 888-513-2042		X X		X X	X X							X	
MD		Hillwood Manor 1100 Linden Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912	• Lovely wooded setting right off New Hampshire Ave. with easy access to Metro bus. • Hardwood floors. • Ceiling fans. • ALL UTILITIES INCLUDED. (A/C extra) ASK ABOUT OUR RENT SPECIAL!!	1 Bedrooms starting at \$910* *with 12 mo. lease (301) 891-2270	X			X X	X X						X		
MD		The Woods of Marlton 8911 Heathermore Blvd. Upper Marlboro, MD 20722	ASK ABOUT OUR SPECIALS! Conveniently located to the entire Washington Metro area. Indoor racquetball court, clubhouse w/lounge, kitchen facilities & big-screen TV. Lots of closet space. Some with fireplaces. Balconies/patios with scenic views.	1-BR fr. \$1193 2-BR fr \$1280s 888-927-5311 woodsofmarlton.com		X X								X X X		X	
VA		Glebe House 25 West Glebe Road Alexandria, VA 22305	• Furnished & Unfurnished • FREE Cable and HBO • FREE 90-Day membership to YMCA • FREE WIFI in the business center • Prime location minutes to Washington DC, Pentagon, Crystal City, Old Town, Reagan National Airport, Beltway and 395	Furn/Unfurn. Studio, Furnished 1 BRs Starting at \$1004 240-455-3567 glebehouse.net	X X				X X							X	

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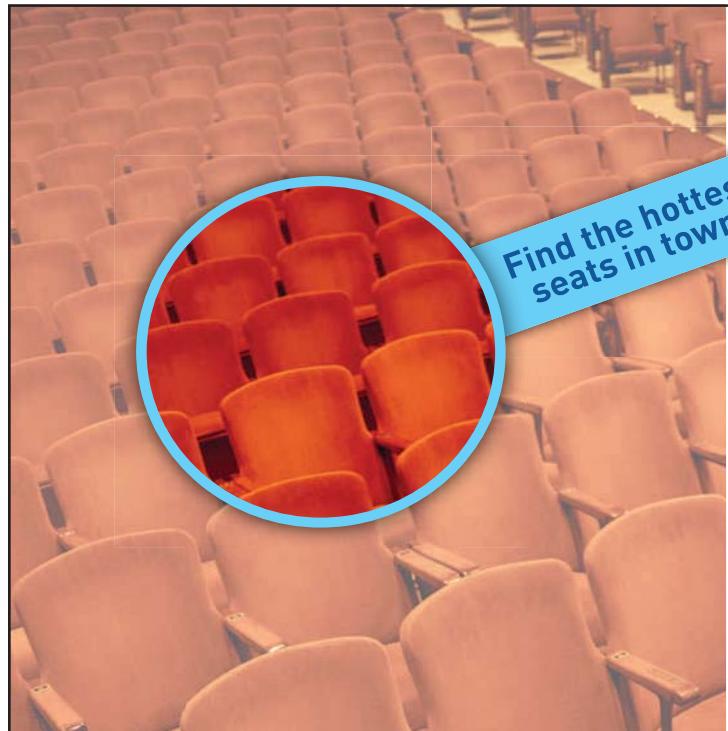


VA		Lloyd Apartments 800 Tennessee Avenue Alexandria, VA 22305	Lloyd Apartments offer expansive floor plans from 650 to 870 square feet with utilities included. Abundant light from windows in every room, including the kitchen and bathroom. Elegant foyers and hallways boast hardwood floors. The bathroom is equipped with a soaking tub and shower with tile flooring. We provide the convenience of on-site laundry facilities, extra storage units, and free parking.	1, 2 BRs Starting at \$1200 240-455-5467 lloydapartments.com	X X X X			
VA		Fillmore Garden Apartments 805 S. Walter Reed Drive Arlington, VA 22204	An affordable community nestled among tranquil trees and in the heart of Arlington. * Close to cutting edge restaurants, lively clubs and quick access anywhere in DC * Spacious units with lots of light * Free utilities	1, 2 BRs Starting at \$1200 240-455-5092 fillmoregardenapts.com	X X X X			
VA		Kings Gardens Apartments 6300 S.Kings Hwy Alexandria, VA 22306	Kings Gardens delightfully combines city convenience with suburban charm. This Alexandria address is within a short distance from schools, shopping, and the Huntington Metro Rail Station. Residents enjoy beautiful landscaping and an on-site pool.	1BR-3BR's + Dens Starting at \$ 1165 866-980-9358 kgleasing@smcmail.com	X X X X X X X X			X
VA		The Parliaments 7409 Eastmoreland Rd. Annandale, VA 22003	<u>2 BR/DEN, 1 1/2 BA. AVAILABLE NOW</u> • All Utilities included • Central Air & Heat • Huge Walk-in Closets • Pets Welcome • Very Spacious Apartments • <u>FREE APP FEE</u> when you mention this ad	Studios, 1, 2, 3BRs Starting at \$1210 866-796-5301 parliaments@smcmail.com	X X X X X X X X			X
VA		The Park at Arlington Ridge 1800 South 26th Street Arlington, VA 22206	LUXURY. CONVENIENCE. LIFESTYLE. These three words exude what is best about The Park at Arlington Ridge! Plush landscaping, well designed interiors, luxury amenities and services. Just minutes from DC, shopping, restaurants and entertainment the Park has the luxury and convenience to suit your busy lifestyle!	1, 2 BRs Starting at \$1530 703-595-4033 parkatarlingtonridge.com	X X X X X X X X			X
VA		Crystal Plaza 2111 Jefferson Davis Hwy Arlington, VA 22202	Imagine having direct access to the Crystal City Underground and Metro. Crystal Plaza features: -Generously sized interiors with wall to wall glass living areas and panoramic views -Modern eat-kitchens, separate dining areas and ceramic tile bathrooms. Located in Crystal City minutes from downtown DC, the Pentagon and Old Town Alexandria.	Studio, 1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at \$1375 877-446-2270 crystalplazaapartments.com	X X X X X X X X X X			
VA		Potomac Towers 2001 North Adams Street Arlington, VA 22201	<u>FREE MONTH'S RENT</u> (on select apartments) • Newly remodeled apartments • Newly remodeled lobby w/Business Center • Fitness Center, Pool & Sundeck • 24-Hour Front Desk Service • 3 Blocks to Court House Metro • Easy access to Key Bridge, Rt. 66 & GW Parkway	Studio, 1, 2 BRs Starting at \$1435 703-485-4903 potomactowers.com	X X X X X X X X X X			
VA		Shirlington House 4201 S. 31st Street Arlington, VA 22206	• Spacious floor plans • Garage parking available • 24 hour Fitness Center • Convenience store on-site • Convenient public transportation to Metro, Pentagon City & Crystal City • Easy access to I-395 ASK ABOUT OUR SPECIALS!	Studio, Efficiency, 1, 2 BRs Starting at \$1230 703-595-4233 shirlingtonhouseapts.com	X X X X X X X X X X			x
VA		Southern Towers 4901 Seminary Road Alexandria, VA 22301	1st Month <u>Free</u> on Selected Apartments • Close to Pentagon & I-395 • Convenience store on-site • Free on-site parking • Metrobus accessible • Small pets welcome • No security deposit & move-in fees	Efficiency, 1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at \$975 703-485-4154 southerntowersapts.com	X X X X X X X X X X			
VA		Dominion Plaza 1200 S Courthouse Rd Arlington, VA 22204	Featuring reasonably priced, newly remodeled apartments overlooking scenic Army/Navy Country Club • Parquet hardwood floor or wall-to-wall as avail • Fitness center, pool & sundeck. Business Center • utilities included <u>1ST MONTH FREE ON SELECT APARTMENTS</u>	Studio, 1BR, 2BR starting at \$1145 703-436-1516 dominionplazaapts.com	X X X X X X X X X X			X X

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VA	VA	The Buchanan 320 23rd Street South Arlington, VA 22202	The Buchanan is located in the heart of Crystal City just minutes from downtown DC, the Pentagon and Old Town Alexandria. Imagine living at this perfect location where you have convenient access to the Crystal City Metro as well as steps away from a variety of shops, and award winning restaurants.	Studios, 1, 2 & 3 Bedrooms Starting at \$1,620 877-414-2016 www.buchananapts.com	Studio	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3+ Bedroom	Laundry on Site	Metro Accessible	Parking Available	Pets Allowed	Fitness Ctr on Site	Secure Entry	UTILS Included	W & D in Unit
VA	VA	Rosslyn Heights 1804 N. Quinn Arlington, VA 22209	Enjoy Rosslyn Heights' amenities such as our community clubhouse with Cyber Café, fitness center, two seasonal swimming pools, a picnic area and business center all to help you relax and rejuvenate!	1&2BRs Starting at \$1785 703-822-7327	X	X		X	X	X	X					
VA	VA	Prosperity Flats 2704 Dorr Avenue Fairfax, VA 22031	Walk one block to Dun Loring Metro Station! Brand New! May 2013 DELIVERIES. Luxury apartment community offering 1 and 2BRs some with Dens and featuring sought - after community amenities! www.lifeatprosperity.com Ask for Gina!	1&2BRs Starting at \$1900 703-208-4400 lifeatprosperity.com	X	X			X	X	X			X		
VA	VA	Monticello Falls Church 3212 Allen Street #101 Falls Church, VA 22042	• 2 swimming pools & 5 playgrounds • 24 hour maintenance • Adjacent to Loehmann's Plaza, Shopping, New Super Giant and New Library • Conv to Metro & minutes fr Dunn Loring Metro Sta • No security deposit & move-in fees <u>SHORT TERM LEASE AVAIL. on 2 BR ONLY</u>	1 BRs \$1460-\$1510 2 BRs \$1720 to \$1775 703-436-1510 monticellogardenapts.com	X	X		X	X	X						
VA	VA	The Courts at Historic Manassas 9203 Prince William St. Manassas, VA 20110	Welcome to the Courts at Historic Manassas! Just steps from the VRE and downtown Historic Manassas, our beautiful new residences are just what you've been looking for.	1-2BR's Starting at \$1430 888-546-0688 Leasing@thecourtsapts.com	X	X										
VA	VA	Reids Prospect Luxury Apartments 4640 Daisy Reid Avenue Woodbridge, VA 22192	1 Month free on select units! Limited Availability Hurry in to our Leasing Center for details.	1&2BR's Starting at \$1240 571-366-9670 reidsprospectapts.com	X	X				X	X				X	



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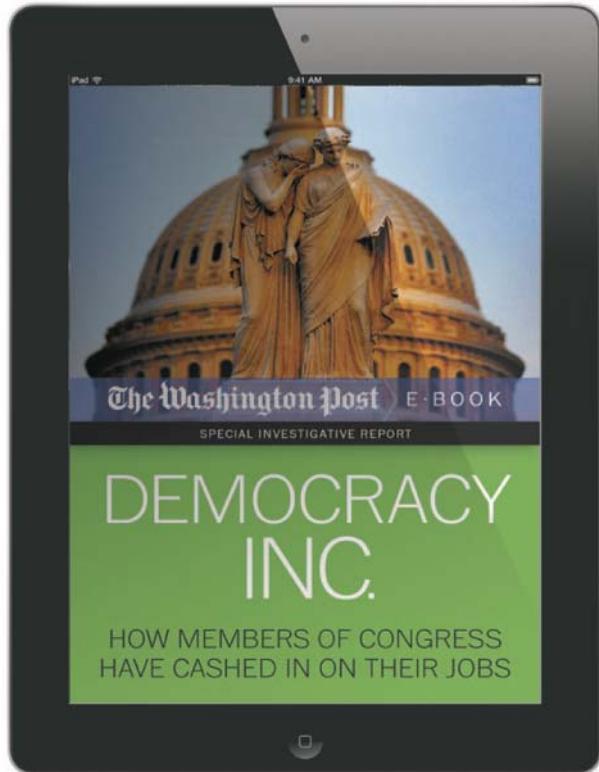
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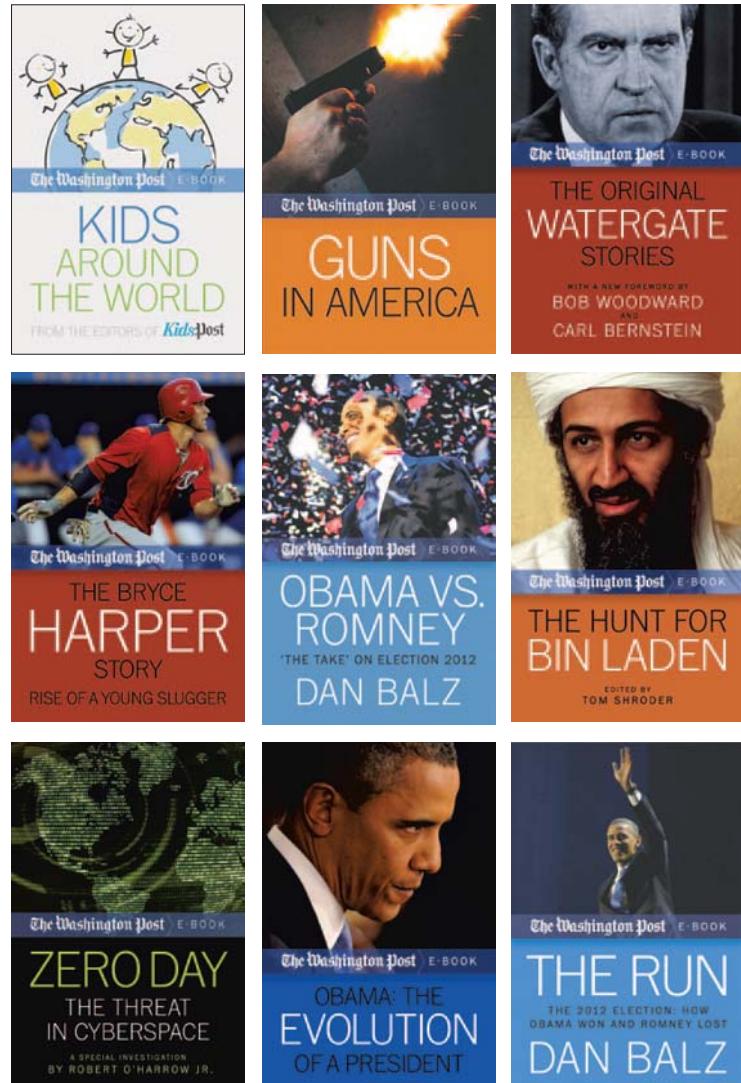


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Evil Dead

(R, 91 MINUTES) The reboot of the beloved cult horror film about five young friends terrorized by a demonic spirit does exactly what it's supposed to do: scare you to the chiropractor. The new version, by Uruguayan director Fede Alvarez, making his feature debut, is more stomach-churning than soul-chilling. The action revolves around a derelict cabin in the woods, but this time, it's the site of a drug intervention. What follows is a rapid descent into madness, homicide and self-mutilation, first by one, then another of the cohorts, until it is literally raining blood. M.O.

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An intervention for Jane Levy, above, sets the events of "Evil Dead" in motion.

Ben Affleck and Rachel McAdams take a break from frolicking in "To the Wonder."

MARY CYBULSKI



THE REELIST KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY

Conditions of Enjoyment

I am about to absolve you of something. Are you ready? It's OK if you don't like "To the Wonder." The film, which opened last week, was directed by Terrence Malick, who also directed "The Thin Red Line" and 2011's "The Tree of Life." His films tend to be very meditative (which can be code for "slow") while pushing the boundaries of narrative cinema (which can be code for "weird").

"To the Wonder," for example, is kind of about a woman (Olga Kurylenko) who falls in love with a man (Ben Affleck), moves to Oklahoma with him, decides Oklahoma sucks, the end. Also there's Javier Bardem as a priest.

Some people will go see it because "Hey! Ben Affleck! In what is apparently a romance!" And

they'll sit in the theater and watch Kurylenko frolic in various fields and they'll walk out feeling either angry because they thought they were getting a rom-com or stupid because, seriously, who makes a film with so much frolicking?

I know this because I've been there. My overarching memories of graduate school are of "experi-

tal" cinema and desperately wishing we could watch something with a plot. Other students would discuss which obscure film they saw that weekend, while I wondered if I was the only one who went to see "South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut."

Malick's films aren't technically experimental — though he does live on the outskirts of that neighborhood — and I think what he does, he does well. But not liking his films, or preferring more conventional films, does not make you a cinematic rube. Like what you like; life is too short to pretend to enjoy a film just because you're supposed to.

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G.I. Joe: Retaliation

(PG-13, 115 MINUTES) 2009's "G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra," which transformed toy soldiers into Channing Tatum and Dennis Quaid, was annihilated by critics but performed well at the box office, which means "G.I. Joe: Retaliation" is being billed as a reboot. Except it's not. The filmmakers integrate, seemingly at random, elements from the last film. For all its absurdity, the movie takes itself awfully seriously. And while "G.I. Joe" is merely a movie based on Hasbro toys, the action feels just as lifeless. STEPHANIE MERRY

The Host

(PG-13, 121 MINUTES) Like the "Twilight" saga and its Edward-Bella-Jacob triangle, "The Host" centers on a teenage girl (Saoirse Ronan) who's torn between two lovers. Like Bella, she's of two minds. One of them is called Melanie. Melanie loves Jared (Max Irons). But Melanie's body has been taken over by a parasitic alien that has its own personality and name: Wanda. Wanda loves Ian (Jake Abel). Wanda and Melanie spend most of the movie bickering with each other over boys, which makes Ronan look like a crazy person. It makes for a somewhat dull action flick. M.O.

Olympus Has Fallen

(R, 118 MINUTES) In "Olympus Has Fallen," Gerard Butler plays Mike Banning, a Secret Service agent whose close relationship with President Benjamin Asher and his son, Connor, is destroyed after a rescue mission goes awry. A visit from the South

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Alexander Skarsgård and Paula Patton play victims of a cyberthief in one of three storylines in "Disconnect."

Cyberlife Lessons

In 'Disconnect's' trio of stories, technology is a weapon and a tool

Film

For the record, when Henry-Alex Rubin's phone buzzed during this interview, he didn't move. It wouldn't have looked good if he did, seeing as how his film "Disconnect,"

out Friday, is all about the intrusiveness of phones and Facebook and webcams and message boards and every other way we electronically connect with one another.

The film weaves together the stories of a Blackberry-addicted father (Jason Bateman) whose son (Jonah Bobo) is cyberbullied, a reporter (Andrea Riseborough) doing a story on underage online sex shows, and a couple (Paula

Disconnect (R)

► **Director:** Henry-Alex Rubin
► **Stars:** Jason Bateman, Hope Davis, Jonah Bobo

► **Quick Take:** This cautionary tale of the Internet age features intersecting storylines that culminate in dramatic catharses, each staged with melodramatic overstatement. If this strikes you as familiar, you're right: It's "Crash" with the Internet. ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Patton and Alexander Skarsgård) whose personal information is stolen by a cybercriminal.

"Being able to intercut three stories is a really wonderful storytelling tool," says Rubin, who

co-directed the Oscar-nominated 2005 documentary "Murderball." "It can make a film feel bigger than the sum of its parts."

The connections among the characters, he notes, are casual (Bateman plays a lawyer who represents the reporter's TV station, for example); it's the online relationships that have the real power.

"I researched each one of those storylines as profoundly as I would have an entire movie,"



Rubin

he says. "Then I made what I felt were three separate films that had a few overlapping themes."

While all three

stories examine how technology can be a weapon, they also reveal how it can unite people in powerful, authentic ways — a change from films in which the Internet is a dark, scary place. Rubin was careful not to make technology the villain of the piece — because it's not evil, he says, but also because audiences know better than to believe that everyone they meet online is out to steal from them or murder them.

"If I heard that was what the movie was about," he says, "I would stay very, very far away from this movie." Good thing "Disconnect" has a more nuanced, realistic take on technology. Just don't check your email during the film.

KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Filmfest DC's Future in Doubt

A lack of funds may force the city's oldest film festival to shutter

Washington

Filmfest DC, the longest-running film festival in a city that has become awash in film festivals, is on the brink of disappearing.

Filmfest DC director Tony Gittens says that, because of dramatic increases in expenses and equal-

ly significant decreases in funding, the festival that he founded in 1987 may not survive past this year's event, which ends Sunday.

"It's a blow, and there's no way for us to feel pleased about it, but it's real," Gittens said Wednesday. "We started adding up the numbers and said, 'We can't do this again.'"

The biggest blow came in February, when he learned that the University of the District of Columbia — headquarters and primary sponsor for the festival — would elim-



Filmfest DC director Tony Gittens says he isn't sure if the festival can continue.

inate Filmfest DC's deputy director's position. Then he learned that a sustainability grant from the city would provide only \$25,000, rather than the \$150,000 he applied for.

Gittens says next year's budget is facing a shortfall of between \$200,000 and \$250,000. He is looking for money from universities, foundations, corporate sponsors and private donors. Even Kickstarter? "We'll try that as well," he says. "We're looking everywhere."

ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

lookout drink

Clearly Feeling A Buzz

Vodka moves beyond the cosmo via cool infusions and hip highballs

Happily, the rise in craft cocktails has led to the demise of certain bar staples of the 1990s (RIP margarita mixes and Zima). But at least one casualty was merely an innocent bystander — vodka, or more specifically, its reputation. Sure, the neutral spirit rakes in some \$12 billion annually in the U.S. alone, but it's also emerged as a punching bag for "serious" drinkers and bartenders alike.

"Recently, it's become very easy and even cool to turn up your nose at vodka," says Tony Abou-Ganim, aka the "Modern Mixologist," whose latest book is "Vodka Distilled" (\$23, Agate Surrey). "Yes, vodka is simple to make, but vodka is naked — there are no botanicals or oak aging to hide behind. It stands on its own ingredients."

Combine D.C.'s always cocktail-thirsty culture with an influx of new restaurants serving fare from the "vodka belt" of Russia and Eastern Europe, and suddenly the beleaguered spirit again seems primed for the limelight (or your highball glass). Sugary cranberry juice need not apply.

Vodka wasn't always the domain of Carrie Bradshaw wannabes. Its history in the Slavic world drips back many centuries — and spans broad stretches of the map, explains Patricia Herlihy, author of "Vodka: A Global History" (\$17, Reaktion Books). "Peter the Great rewarded his faithful with copious amounts



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— TONY ABOU-GANIM, AUTHOR OF "VODKA DISTILLED"



EASTERN BLOC PARTIERS

pushes cocktails laced with gingerbread-y Becherovka, an herbal digestif popular in the Czech Republic. "With tonic and a bit of lemon, it's called a beton, which means 'concrete' in Czech," she says. "It's refreshing. People say it tastes like Christmas, but light." And any survey of Eastern European spirits would be remiss to overlook rakia, a fruit brandy that packs a punch (slivovitz, made from plums, is the most famous) and is used on major occasions in the Balkans. Barracks Row's hot spot Ambar (523 Eighth St. SE; 202-813-3039) serves Serbian small plates and flaunts the District's first rakia bar. "Rakia is that ace in the sleeve, a secret weapon," says Uros Smiljanic, Ambar's general manager. Like many spirits — vodka included — "rakia used to be called 'aqua vitae,' or water of life." K.K.



Vodkas infused with fruits (cherries, lemons, blackberries and others) line the well-stocked bar at downtown's new Mari Vanna.

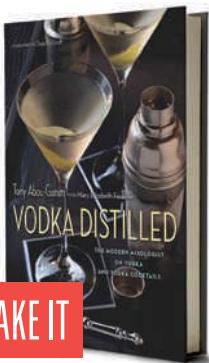
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of vodka, sometimes killing them because the goblet he gave them was so huge," she says. "He also used vodka as a civil-service exam: If a man could drink an enormous amount and still speak sensibly, he was fit to go abroad to serve the Tsar."

Ivan the Terrible only allowed his loyal military service members to have access to vodka; Stalin plied dinner-party guests with the stuff to elicit gossip and information.

In the U.S., vodka is a relative newcomer, which explains its

drink lookout



MAKE IT

THE WIZARD

The Wizard benefits from a robust vodka with lots of character. Look to the Old World vodkas of Eastern Europe — those made from rye or potato.

Ingredients:

2 ounces vodka
1 ounce Cinzano Bianco
½ ounce Yellow Chartreuse
2 dashes orange bitters

In an ice-filled mixing glass, add vodka, Cinzano Bianco, Yellow Chartreuse and orange bitters; stir until well chilled. Strain into a chilled, small (Nick and Nora-sized) cocktail glass. Garnish with a thin slice of orange peel.

Recipe adapted from "Vodka Distilled: The Modern Mixologist on Vodka and Vodka Cocktails" by Tony Abou-Ganim with Mary Elizabeth Faulkner



unfavorability as bar-goers clamor for all things pre-Prohibition. In fact, the stalwart "Savoy Cocktail Book," published in 1930, only included a couple of vodka recipes.

But that was a matter of import, Abou-Ganim says. Vodka didn't take off in America until Smirnoff figured out a clever marketing strategy — the Moscow Mule, a cocktail of vodka, ginger beer and lime juice served in a copper mug.

For many, that inherent mixability remains one of vodka's greatest selling points. Dupont Circle's new "babushka-chic" restaurant, Mari Vanna (1141 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-783-7777), offers some 70 infused vodkas, ranging from strawberry to horseradish. "It's liberating to work with vodkas and all



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Mari Vanna's Sasha Popovic uses strawberry-infused vodka in a Kalinka-Malinka cocktail.

these fruit flavors," says Beau Pineda, head mixologist at Mari Vanna.

Lest you still think the spirit is merely potato firewater, keep in mind that, like vodka itself, a bit of education goes a long way. According to Abou-Ganim, what makes vodka compelling is not its distilled neutrality, but rather its diversity of raw materials (typically wheat, rye, barley, corn or potato), but also grape, molasses, even hemp.

"Slavic vodkas have traditionally been made from grains such as wheat and rye," Herlihy says. "Potatoes were used only beginning in the 19th century."

Though most vodka still is made in Russia and Poland, a few surprises lurk on liquor-store shelves — France's wheat-based Grey Goose, Tito's corn vodka from Texas. Now that's clearly appealing.

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lookout food



On the Travel Channel's "Burger Land," documentary filmmaker and beef lover George Motz bites into sandwich culture across the country.

very sweet, and when you put it on, you overwhelm the sandwich.

So I shouldn't put anything on my burger?

Well, I consider grease a condiment! I also think grilled onions really enhance a burger's flavor, and so does a buttered, toasted, white bun.

"Burger Land" delves into regional differences in burgers. Can you explain a few?

Regional uniqueness abounds in this country. Whether it's the steamed cheeseburger of central Connecticut, the onion-fried burger of central Oklahoma, the green chile cheeseburger of New Mexico or the dough burger of northern Mississippi, there really is no one American burger.

You didn't film in D.C. this season, but you went to school here at Catholic University. Any favorite eats around town?

I love the chili burger at Ben's Chili Bowl (1213 U St. NW; 202-667-0909). And I always go to that gyro place on Dupont Circle, Zorba's Cafe (1612 20th St. NW; 202-387-8555). It's so authentic.

What's your own go-to burger?

It's just a smashed patty, basically a ball of meat smashed on a flat-top grill, then cooked with just a couple of onions, then topped with American cheese and put on a white, cushy bun. It shouldn't be complicated! CHELSEA HUANG (EXPRESS)

FACE TIME

George Motz

In his 2005 documentary "Hamburger America," filmmaker George Motz deliciously investigated America's oldest patty-slinging diners, roadside shacks and drive-ups. A book by the same name followed, as did the sandwich-sourcing app Burger GPS (99 cents, iTunes). Now, Motz is back to sample more ins and outs of beef on a bun with the Travel Channel's "Burger Land" (10 p.m. Mondays).

Why do you love burgers so much?

The beauty of hamburgers is that they are so simple. It's just beef, a white squishy bun and salt.

And you define burger as just beef ones, yes?

Any time you make a burger that's not made with ground cow, it's meatloaf. You can't make a salmón burger without adding filling.

What's the ideal type of beef to use?

A grind of 80 percent lean, 20 percent fat, chuck shoulder. It's the

easiest and the best, because it's foolproof. It doesn't fall apart, and it tastes great.

Any thoughts on cheese?

Cheese became widespread on burgers in the 1960s and 1970s, some say to mask bad meat. But in an ideal burger, I think a good slice of American cheese both adds salt and it makes a good glue to keep your burger together.

What's the easiest way to ruin a burger?

The worst thing you can do is put ketchup on a burger. Ketchup is

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2 Relaunch Pad

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leather sofas and gilded mirrors, Horchow.com could be called West Elm and Pottery Barn's slightly stuffy, rich aunt. But the site just launched a younger, cheaper collection, Horchow Now. It struts hip, geo-patterned throws (shown, \$88), cable-knit poufs (\$150) and, our pick, a table lamp with a zigzag chevron base (\$150). The focus is on bright colors and vintage shapes — just the stuff to amp up that \$20 Craigslist sofa.



3 Lettuce, Be Joyful!

BORN OUT OF A FAMILY RECIPE and made in Maryland, Dress It Up Dressing salad toppers (\$10, Whole Foods and Dressitupdressing.com) boast couture-inspired labels and foodie-pleasing blends including apple cider and red wine vinaigrettes. They're meant to be spooned, not poured, meaning you may want to dilute them with a squeeze of lemon.

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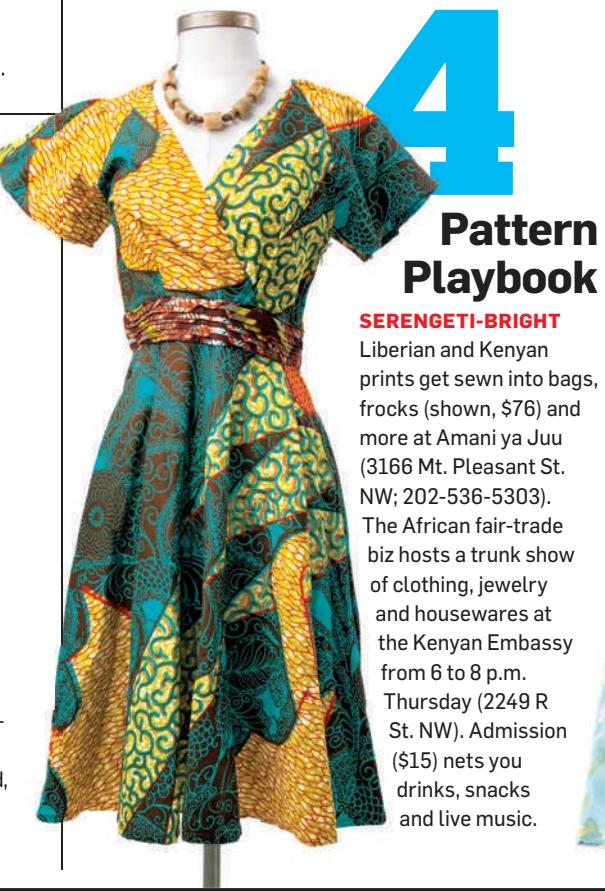
Hair Tactics

DESPITE ITS CREEPY MONIKER, Shaw's The Barber of Hell's Bottom (818 Rhode Island Ave. NW; 202-332-0200) does not employ murderous Sweeney Todd types. Instead, the new retro-inspired men's hair cutter — which gets its name from a 19th-century term for the then-shifty 'hood — offers straight-razor shaves (\$50) and meticulous haircuts (starting at \$60) by the team from Immortal Beloved. Upping the cool factor: vintage chairs where Rat Pack members reportedly once sat.



COURTESY HELL'S BOTTOM

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Pattern Playbook

SERENGETI-BRIGHT

Liberian and Kenyan prints get sewn into bags, frocks (shown, \$76) and more at Amani ya Juu (3166 Mt. Pleasant St. NW; 202-536-5303). The African fair-trade biz hosts a trunk show of clothing, jewelry and housewares at the Kenyan Embassy from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday (2249 R St. NW). Admission (\$15) nets you drinks, snacks and live music.

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Dish Fretwork

LACE IS USUALLY the stuff of fancy underthings and royal wedding gowns. But Georgia-based Sugarboo uses it to imprint ghostly designs on ceramics. The line, which just showed up at GoodWood (1428 U St. NW; 202-986-3640), includes small plates and bowls (shown, \$42) as well as dinner-sized platters (shown, \$55). Any would make a romantic perch for, say, a huge slice of wedding cake or a passel of pastel macarons.



Grab Bag

DEAR MANOLO

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

I'm getting married again at the end of May. Since this is my second marriage, as well as the groom's, we've opted for an informal wedding with close family and a few friends on the beach in South Carolina. Since my dress is light blue, I need a pair of sandals that will match. Can you please help? —BARBARA

Manolo says ayay! So romantic! Indeed, just the words "beach wedding" alone can conjure up romantic scenarios to explain why someone is getting married at the seashore instead of the church or the justice of the peace.



You are the beautiful mermaid of the certain age who, during the giant storm, has been washed ashore suffering from amnesia only to be found by the handsomely rugged sea captain (played by the Tom Selleck), who, despite the long-standing and well-known animosity between seafarers and merpeople, has carried you back to his skipjack and restored you to health, hand-feeding you sardines and oysters while softly singing sea shanties and playing his ukulele.

When your health and memory have returned, rather than swimming back to your underwater home, you have persuaded the elderly merwizard to give you legs. Here you are, standing on the beach in South Carolina with the man in the Hawaiian shirt and famous mustache getting married.

Here is the Connie from Donald J. Pliner (\$218, Zappos.com), the silver thong sandal that will be perfect for wearing on the beach.



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Barry Manilow is 69 years old, but he still maintains the relentless good nature and genuine nice guy-ness that make it hard to hate him even if "Copacabana" drives you loco. Fresh off a successful run on Broadway, he'll be in Baltimore this weekend. **1st Mariner Arena, 201 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore; Sat., 7:30 p.m., \$19.99-\$129.99, 410-347-2020, Baltimorearena.com.**

2 'Anchorman,' But Real

If you want to know about sexism in journalism, talk to Lynn Povich. She wrote "The Good Girls Revolt," about the landmark gender discrimination lawsuit against Newsweek in 1970, and she'll be speaking about gender and news at the Newseum this weekend. **Newseum, 555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; Sat., 11:30 a.m., free with paid museum admission; 888-639-7386, Newseum.com. (Archives)**

3 Dinner and a Show

Frank Solivan, leader of Americana band Dirty Kitchen, is a man of many talents. For example: He can also make you food — specifically a three-course dinner prepared of local ingredients, accompanied by local beer and wine and followed by a show from the band. **Hill Center at the Old Naval Hospital, 921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE; Sat., 7 p.m., \$125; 202-549-4172, Hillcenterdc.org. (Eastern Market)**

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AMC Loews Georgetown 14

3111 K Street N.W. www.AMCTheatres.com

Oz the Great and Powerful (PG) CC-Closed Captions; Digital Presentation: 4:40
Oblivion (PG-13) CC-Closed Captions; Digital Presentation: (I) 11:00-2:00-5:00-8:00-11:00
Evil Dead (R) CC-Closed Captions; Digital Presentation: 10:20-13:35-15:45-18:20-10:40
G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG-13) CC-Closed Captions; Digital Presentation: 12:05-13:50-10:50
Tyler Perry's Temptation (PG-13) CC-Closed Captions; Digital Presentation: 2:00-7:40
Jurassic Park 3D (PG-13) CC-Closed Captions; RealD 3D: 10:15-1:15-4:20-7:20-10:20
42 (PG-13) CC-DVDS-Closed Captions & Des: Digital Presentation: (I) 10:30-1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG-13) CC-Closed Captions; RealD 3D: 2:45-8:10
Oz the Great and Powerful in 3D (PG) CC-Closed Captions; RealD 3D: 11:00-10:25
Oblivion: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) Digital Presentation; MAX: (I) 10:00-1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
Disconnect (R) AMC INDEPENDENT; Digital Presentation: (I) 10:50-1:50-4:50-7:50-10:45
The Company You Keep (R) AMC INDEPENDENT; Digital Presentation: (I) 10:15-1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15
Admission (PG-13) CC-Closed Captions; Digital Presentation: 10:40-1:20-4:05-6:45-9:30
Olympus Has Fallen (R) CC-Closed Captions; Digital Presentation: 10:10-1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10
Trance (R) AMC INDEPENDENT; CC-DVDS-Closed Captions & Des: Digital Presentation: (I) 10:30-1:30-6:30-6:00-8:30-11:00
Scary Movie V (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (I) 11:30-1:40-4:00-6:15-8:30-10:55
The Place Beyond the Pines (R) AMC INDEPENDENT; Digital Presentation: (I) 12:00-3:15-6:30-9:45

AMC Loews Uptown 1

3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W. www.AMCTheatres.com

Oblivion (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 4:00-7:00-10:00

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5300 Wisconsin Ave. NW www.AMCTheatres.com

The Croods (PG) CC/DVDS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video; Digital Presentation: 12:30-8:00-10:25
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Avalon

5612 Connecticut Avenue www.theavalon.org

Barbra (PG-13) Held Over By Popular Demand: 11:30-2:00**Lore** (NR) Limited Engagement: 1:145-2:15

Landmark E Street Cinema

555 11th Street NW www.landmarktheatres.com

The Place Beyond the Pines (R) 1:00-2:30-4:00-5:30-7:00-8:30-10:00-11:30
No (R) 2:15-5:15-8:15-10:45
To the Wonder (R) 12:30-3:30-5:30-8:00-10:30
The Company You Keep (R) 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:15
Trance (R) 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15
The Mansion Family (NR) 1:59
Breakfast at Tiffany's (NR) 11:59

Regal Gallery Place Stadium 14

707 Seventh Street NW www.regalcinemas.com

The Croods (PG) CC/DVDS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video; Service: 4:25-9:15
Oblivion (PG-13) CC/DVDS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video; Service: (I) 12:00-12:50-1:30-3:00-4:00-4:40-6:20-7:00-7:40-9:30-10:00-11:50-12:20
Scary Movie V (PG-13) CC-Closed Captions: 1:10-3:00-5:40-8:10-10:40
Evil Dead (R) CC/DVDS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video; Service: 12:05-2:25-5:10-8:00-10:50
G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG-13) CC/DVDS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video; Service: 1:40-4:30-7:30-10:20
Tyler Perry's Temptation (PG-13) CC/DVDS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video; Service: 1:20-4:30-7:30-10:30
Jurassic Park 3D (PG-13) CC/DVDS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video; RealD 3D: (I) 1:00-3:55-6:55-9:55
42 (PG-13) CC/DVDS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video; Service: 12:40-2:20-5:30-6:10-7:15-9:20-10:15
Admission (PG-13) CC-DVDS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video; Service: 12:05-3:35-6:40-10:30

Regal Bethesda 10

7272 Wisconsin Avenue www.regalcinemas.com

Oblivion (PG-13) CC/DVDS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video; Service: (I) 1:10-1:50-4:10-4:50-7:15-50-9:30-10:15

Scary Movie V (PG-13) CC-Closed Captions: 2:00-5:00-6:00-10:35

G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG-13) CC/DVDS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video; Service: 1:30-4:20-7:05-9:40

Tyler Perry's Temptation (PG-13) CC/DVDS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video; Service: 9:50

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The Place Beyond the Pines (R) CC-Closed Captions: 12:40-3:30-4:30-7:40-10:10

Olympus Has Fallen (R) CC/DVDS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video; Service: 1:40-4:40-7:30-10:20

The Host (PG-13) 12:50-3:45-6:50

Admission (PG-13) 12:55-3:35-6:40-10:30

Language of a Broken Heart (R) 12:00-2:20-4:45-7:10-9:40-12:00

The Lords of Salem (R) 12:00-2:30-4:55-7:20-9:50-12:10

West End Cinema

2301 M Street NW http://westendcinema.com/

From Up On Poppy Hill (Kokurikoza kara) (PG) English Subtitles; Washington Post Critic's Pick: 5:00-9:30

56 Up (NR) New York Times Critic's Pick: 2:00-7:00

MARYLAND

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center

8633 Colesville Road www.afi.com/silver

The Place Beyond the Pines (R) NO PASSES: (I) 1:40-4:25-7:15-10:00

The Sapphires (PG-13) Silver Babies: 11:05AM-1:05-3:10-5:15-7:20-9:30

Killer of Sheep (1971) (NR) 5:30

Air Force 1943 (NR) 3:00

The Producers w/ the Critic730

Cronos (R) 9:45

AMC Loews Center Park 8

4001 Powder Mill Rd. www.AMCTheatres.com

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TV weekend lookout

The Ripples of Watergate

'All the President's Men Revisited' studies the scandal's remains

Documentary

SUN 8:00 Executive producer/narrator Robert Redford's "All the President's Men Revisited" (airing on Discovery) is a surprisingly fresh and even stirring reminiscence of the Watergate scandal and the film it inspired.

Redford and his crew, including director Peter Schnall, stylishly manage what countless think tank and J-school panel discussions struggle to do — cut through the recollections of the major players (Bob Woodward, Carl Bernstein, their boss Ben Bradlee, Nixon White House counsel John Dean, etc.) and utilize their well-trod anecdotes and war stories in a way that seems new.

Because let's face it: Watergate is fading before our eyes. Richard Nixon is nearly 20 years gone. Mark



Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward reminisce in "All the President's Men Revisited."



Felt, the former FBI official who outed himself as "Deep Throat" in 2005, died over four years ago.

Through his narration, Redford, who portrayed Woodward in Alan J. Pakula's still-popular 1976 movie, makes clear that he's working out a few things here: What is Watergate's resonance? What do we, as a culture, remember most? What's different about the world now when compared to the world of 1972?

"All the President's Men Revisited" is no Watergate for Dummies either; it is as concerned with the historical ramifications as it is with the imprint on popular culture. Those who lived through it will find what they're looking for, whether it's a renewed sense of apoplexy or even just bemusement. Those who came along after won't feel that familiar shame of being treated like a kid.

HANK STUEVER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

BEST BETS

FRI 8:00

Happy Endings (ABC) Penny shocks her friends by starting up a rebound relationship with the Car Czar (Rob Corddry). Brad and Jane, who have taken her in temporarily, aren't just shocked; they're treating her like a wayward child.



Mary and Martha (HBO) Hilary Swank, left, stars in this film as a designer who takes her son on a trip to Africa. Brenda Blethyn plays an English housewife whose son heads to Africa as a volunteer. When malaria strikes both boys, the lives of these very different women are changed forever.

SUN 9:00

Remember Sunday (ABC) A lonely waitress (Alexis Bledel) meets a quirky jewelry store clerk (Zachary Levi) whose memory is virtually nonexistent in this "50 First Dates"-style romantic comedy.

SUN 10:00

The Bletchley Circle (PBS) This new mystery series follows four women who learned how to break codes during World War II. Now, in 1952, Susan, Millie, Lucy (Sophie Rundle, right) and Jean have returned to civilian life, but a series of brutal murders reunites them. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



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"A couple of years ago, I met Wolf Blitzer at a gala. I was incredibly excited given my media nerdiness. His handshake was limp and I still think of it whenever I watch 'The Situation Room.' Ugh. When I was younger, I remember my father having me practice shaking hands. At the time, I really did not get why he insisted we practice but now I do. So, thanks, Dad!"

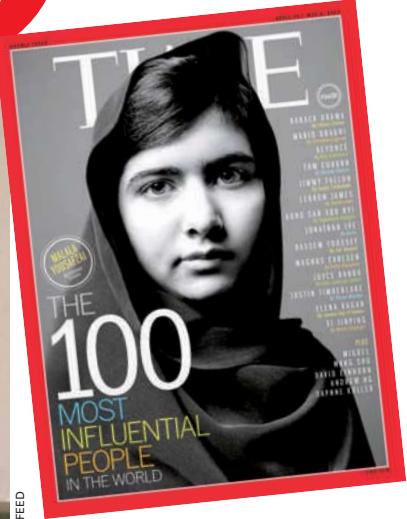
—DCGIRLINPEARLS.COM offers some tips for interns as summer approaches.

"If the rumours are true, it is likely that this may be the stage for an exclusive showcase of his most recent material, similar to when he last appeared on SNL back in 2010 in the month preceding the release of 'My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy.'"

—MAX SANDERSON AT THEFOURHFIVE.COM speculates on a New York Post report that Kanye West will appear as musical guest on the May 18 episode of NBC's "Saturday Night Live."



Blog Log



"Are we discussing fandom in reporting? You know what I like my sideline reporters [doing]? Reporting. I don't give a damn who their team is #nats"

—@TRACYTRAN has no problem with the fact that the new Nationals sideline reporter for MASN, Julie Alexandria, was described by Bloomberg Sports as "an avid Mets fan."

"[On Thursday] TIME released the 100 Most Influential People in the World. And there's not a single journalist on it. Thank God. Could you imagine the fat head this person would have?"

—BETSY ROTHSTEIN AT MEDIA BISTRO.COM/FISHBOWLDC was glad to see that no one the media website covers made the magazine's list, released Thursday. The cover is of Malala Yousafzai, a Pakistani girl who was shot by the Taliban for speaking out for girls who were barred from school.

"Whoever wrote this is a genius."

—@BUZZFEED extols the brilliance of a bathroom-graffiti author after a photo of the work went viral.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're going to have to scramble a bit today in order to accommodate a change of schedule that did not begin with you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) An early start allows you to get it all done today — though a certain amount of ingenuity will come in handy as well.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You want to give someone else precisely what he or she has asked for, and yet you may encounter one or two unexpected difficulties.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You can work very quickly today, provided you know precisely what it is you are working for and how you have to go about it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll want to leave very little to chance today. Focus on something that increases your level of motivation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may be contacted by someone who is trying to influence you in a way that is not, perhaps, completely legitimate — or legal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) While others are enjoying some downtime today, you can get something done that has been preying on your mind for quite a while.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Once you start, you're not likely to stop until you have done what you have come to do. Don't neglect certain basic needs, however.

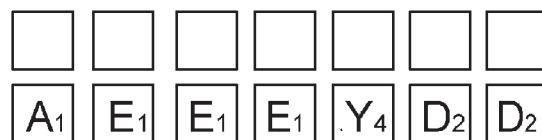
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may have trouble saying what needs to be said today — at first. When your back is against the wall, it'll all come out, surely!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You can give someone else a nice surprise today — but he or she may not understand your true motives at first. Explain yourself!

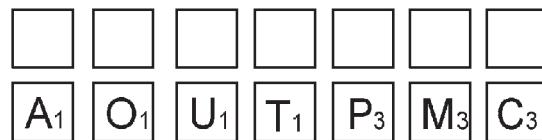
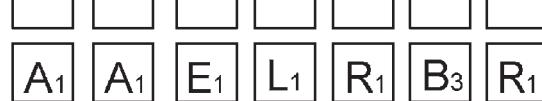
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) It's time for you to quit resisting that which is, in fact, inevitable. Someone is going to have to give you the benefit of the doubt.

Scrabble Grams

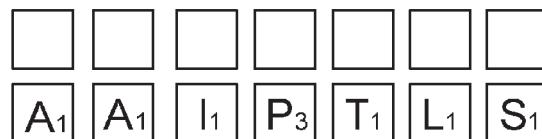
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Double Word Score



1st Letter Triple



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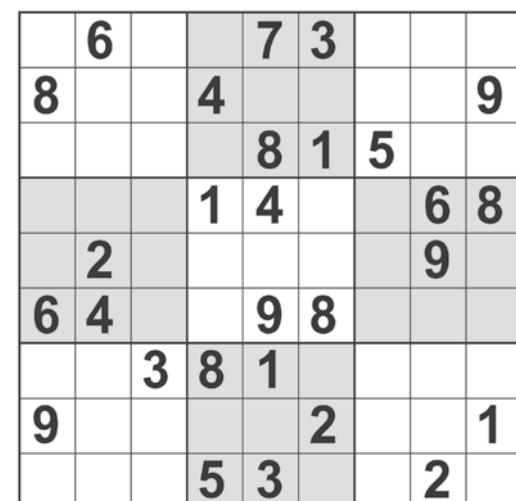
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A ₁	L ₁	B ₃	U ₁	M ₃	E ₁	N ₁	RACK 2 = 61
G ₂	A ₁	R ₁	B ₃	L ₁	E ₁	R ₁	RACK 3 = 64
G ₂	A ₁	M ₃	B ₃	O ₁	L ₁		RACK 4 = 11
							TOTAL 218 PAR SCORE 145-155

FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. Seven-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

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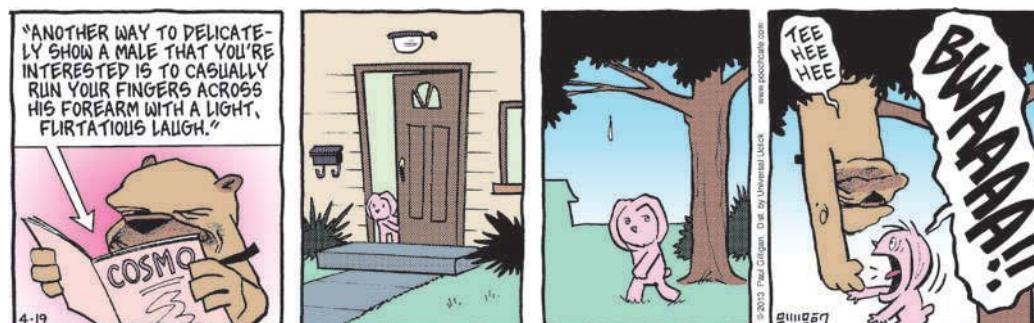
Yesterday's Solution

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4	7	9	5	2	1	6	8	3
6	1	8	9	3	4	5	2	7
2	5	3	8	6	7	4	9	1
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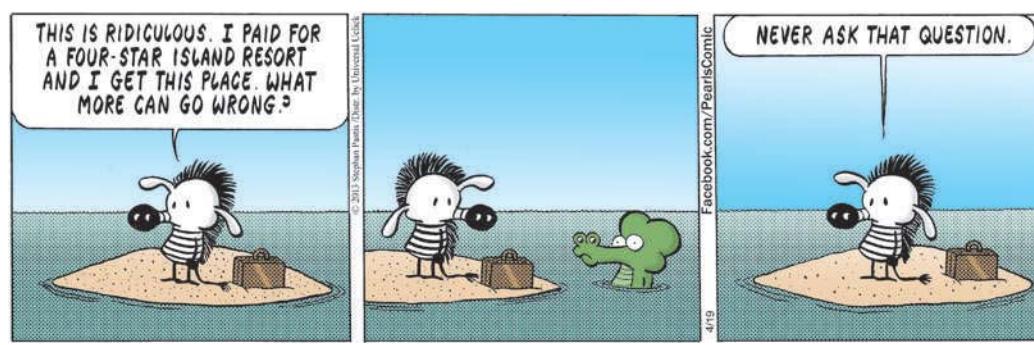
Need more Sudoku?
Find another puzzle in the Comics section of The Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Comics

POOCHE CAFE | PAUL GILLIGAN



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | STEPHAN PASTIS



Forecast



79 | 51

Today: Showers around today. Showers and a heavier thunderstorm tonight.



63 | 41

Tomorrow: Breezy and cooler tomorrow with clouds and sun. Clear tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead



SUN | MON | TUE

61 | 42 | 60 | 49 | 69 | 56

Sun and Moon

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Crossword

STUFF OF LEGENDS

ACROSS

1 Anchorman's
 summary
 6 Beginning at
 10 Band boxes?
 14 Parting of the
 Pacific?
 15 Black in
 Burgundy
 16 In ___ of
 (replacing)
 17 Mount Fuji's
 locale
 18 Bee Gees
 birthplace
 20 Took something
 in
 21 To say nothing of
 23 Anticipates
 24 Lecherous one's
 target
 26 Barely manage
 (with "out")
 27 The Wallendas
 won't work with one
 28 Bacon cookers
 33 On the ocean
 blue
 36 Trials and
 tribulations
 37 Part of a roof's
 border

41 Seals' meals
 42 Cry like an owl
 43 "... with ___ in
 sight"
 44 Procrastinator,
 essentially
 46 Unusual
 47 Always, to an old
 poet
 48 Hayes' veep
 52 Orbital high point
 56 Poetic foot
 57 "Boolah Boolah"
 collegian
 58 JFK's problem of
 April 1961
 60 Not bold
 62 Witch's ___
 63 Diving bird
 64 Eat into
 65 Acquire
 justifiably
 66 Nomad's tent
 67 Claire of
 "Homeland"

DOWN

1 Indian princes
 2 Delight
 3 Made do,
 somehow

DOWN

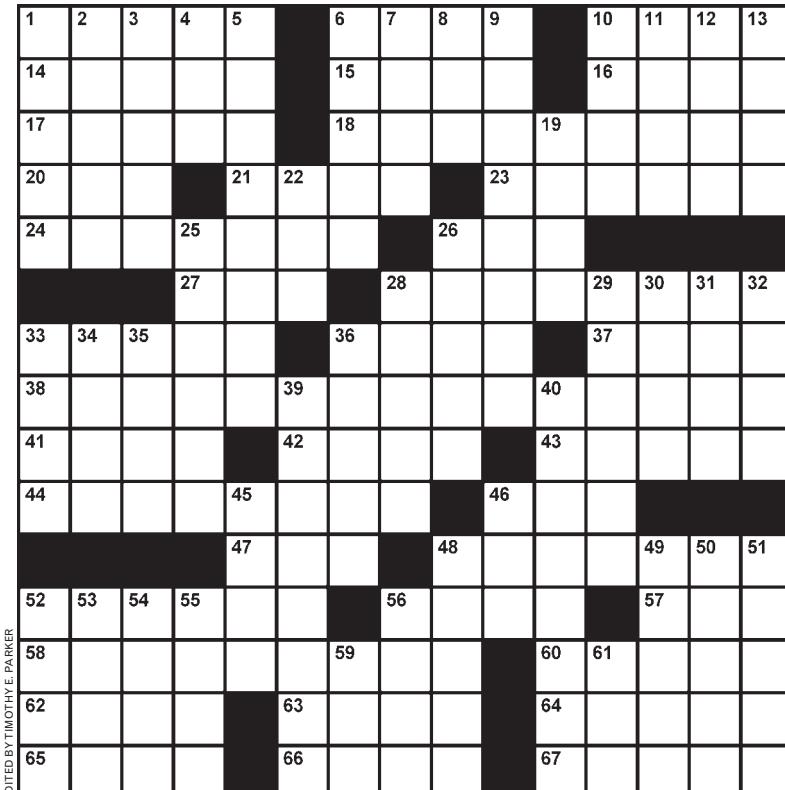
1 Indian princes	33 Not yet up
2 Delight	34 Kilmer subject
3 Made do, somehow	35 "Note to ___ ..."
	36 One a'courting

4 "Well, whaddya know!"	39 Like some facial tissue	resident
5 Cure-alls	40 Beholden	53 Beginning for "normal"
6 Licoricelike flavor	45 Popular	54 ___ and terminer (hearing or trial)
7 Nothing to write home about (Hyph.)	snorkeling	55 Graduate's garment
8 Kuwaiti export	destination	56 Frankenstein flunky
9 Bizarre	46 Measure of resistance	59 Chit letters
10 Cryptographer's A	48 "... Fuzzy Wuzzy ___ fuzzy..."	61 Bit of financial planning, for short
11 "La Boheme" soprano	49 Dud on wheels	
12 Bog material	50 Drop in	
13 Some stars	pronunciation	
19 Didn't pay yet	51 Bumper cars and such	
22 It requires an	52 Monastery	

Yesterday's Solution



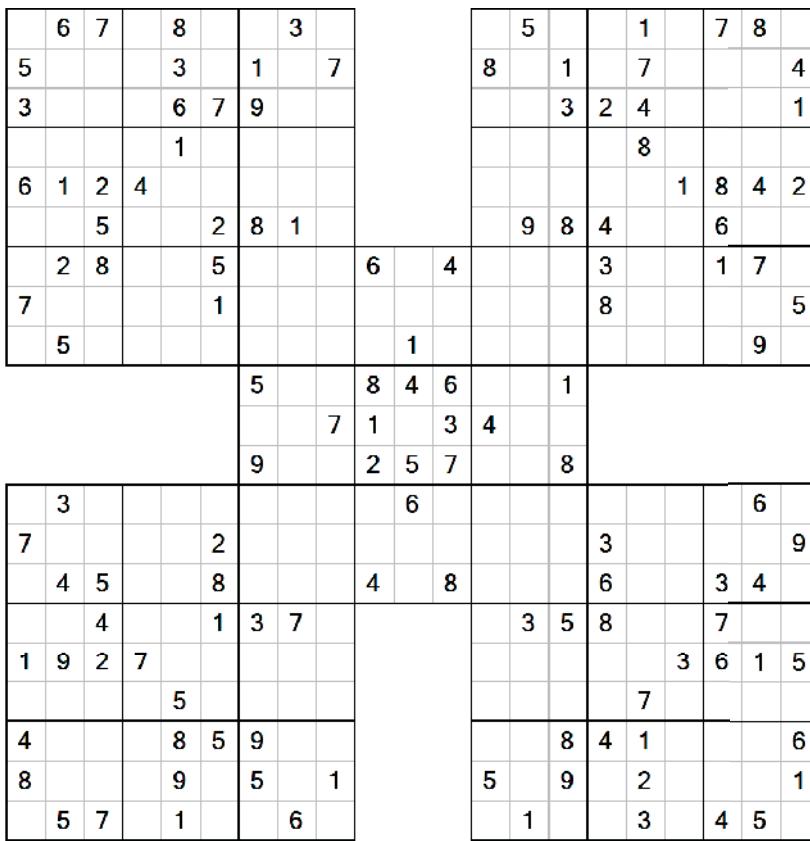
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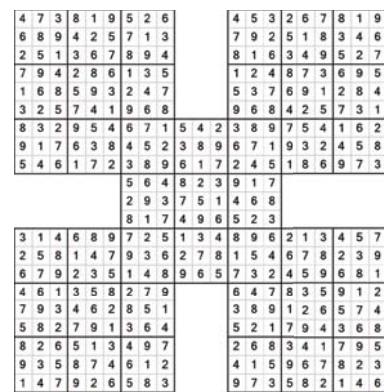
Samurai Sudoku

DIFFICULTY

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.



Last Week's Solution



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TODAY IN HISTORY

1775

The American Revolutionary War begins with the battles of Lexington and Concord.

1933

The United States goes off the gold standard.

The 51-day siege at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, ends as fire destroys the structure after federal agents enter; dozens of people, including leader David Koresh, are killed.

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FORMERLY FAMOUS

This Is All You Will Be Remembered For. This Will Be on Your Gravestone.

Nick Lachey says Kim Kardashian may have used him to get tabloid attention before she became famous for her sex tape. Lachey told Details that, when he and Kardashian dated in 2006, they went to a movie and emerged to find paparazzi. Says Lachey: "Let's just say this: We went to a movie. No one followed us there. Somehow, mysteriously, when we left, there were 30 photographers waiting outside." (EXPRESS)

CREepy!

He Also Wears a Cape and Sleeps in a Coffin! So Cute!

Jennifer Aniston told Ellen DeGeneres that fiance Justin Theroux loves to scare her in their home. "He's constantly hiding behind drapes. And I'm constantly scared. It's like, it doesn't get old on me," she said on an "Ellen DeGeneres Show" segment that aired Thursday. "Do that to him," DeGeneres advised. "He's not expecting it now." (EXPRESS)



Justin's facial hair sits off his razor-sharp canines in such a sexy way!



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SHALLOW SELF-PROMOTION

Biebs Still Doesn't Really Get What He Did Wrong

Anne Frank's stepsister, Eva Schloss, defended Justin Bieber, who drew criticism after the Anne Frank House posted his guest-book entry, in which he said he hoped Anne "would have been a belieber." Schloss told the Telegraph that Anne "probably would have been a fan. Why not? He's a young man and she was a young girl, and she liked film stars and music." She called the Internet's reaction to Bieber's comment "so childish." (EXPRESS)



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A prescient photo: Kim laughs, Kris appears to be asking for some cash.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE

Be Over! Be Over!

Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries' divorce case could be settled Friday, TMZ.com reported. As of press time Thursday, the former couple were due in court Friday for a settlement conference. Unnamed sources suggested to TMZ that Humphries may be willing to negotiate; heretofore he has insisted on seeking an annulment based on alleged fraud, while Kardashian wants a divorce. "Kris is opening his eyes a little bit, and what he sees doesn't look good," a source told TMZ. (EXPRESS)



HOSTILE

She Never Participates In the Group Hugs, Either

Whoopi Goldberg told Usmagazine.com that she couldn't care less who "The View" might hire to replace Elisabeth Hasselbeck. "Let me tell you this about 'The View': I take a paycheck every other week. That's all I do. I could give a [expletive] what comes. I do my job." Hasselbeck has not left the show and is only rumored to be departing. (EXPRESS)

"I take it with a grain of salt. They'll say, 'Oh, he's sexy,' but women still go for guys who are 6-foot-2."



—PETER DINKLAGE
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